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IN TRUMP PROPOSED BUDGET

NMI stands to lose over $3M

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REPORTER

The CNMI stands to lose more than $3 million in federal funding under the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget blueprint released by President Trump last week. Funding were either cut or eliminated in key areas like community development block grants and Environmental Protection Agency state grants that could have a huge impact on the Commonwealth.

Nine programs would be eliminated and four more would have huge cuts under Trump's fiscal year 2018 budget proposal.

The proposed FY 2018 budget—dubbed by the White House as "America First: A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again"–slashed $54 million from other domestic programs, with the money going to the Pentagon for defense.

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Yonsei Academy wins 5 medals at TBMF

Five students from Yonsei Academy joined Guam's annual Tumon Bay Music Festival this year. All five students came back with medals.

The Yonsei Academy performers were Yuan Hua (Whispering Palms School), Kate Ishida (Marianas High School), Nan Shane Xie (Marianas High School), Heechan Kim (Mount Carmel School), and Sharon Paek (Saipan Southern High School).

These students brought back three silver medals and two gold

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The five students of Yonsei Academy is joined by instructor Mrs. Yun after taking part in Guam's Tumon Bay Music Festival.

JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, sixth left, and acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula, third right, lead the ribbon cutting of the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park last Friday.

Inos Peace Park unveiled Friday

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres led the ribbon cutting and unveiling of the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park last Friday—the completion of a project that took close to two decades, five administrations, and almost $30 million to complete.

The park, converted from a circa World War II dump, will be open to the public on April 1.

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French carrier to lead Tinian drill

TOKYO (Reuters)—In a display of military power aimed at China, France will dispatch one of its powerful Mistral amphibious carriers to lead drills on and around Tinian island in the western Pacific, with Japanese and US personnel and two troop-carrying helicopters sent by Britain, two sources told Reuters.

"Rather than just being a naval exercise, this amphibious exercise will send a clear message to China," said one of the sources, who were not au-

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The Mistral amphibious carrier will lead drills on and around Tinian island in the western Pacific.

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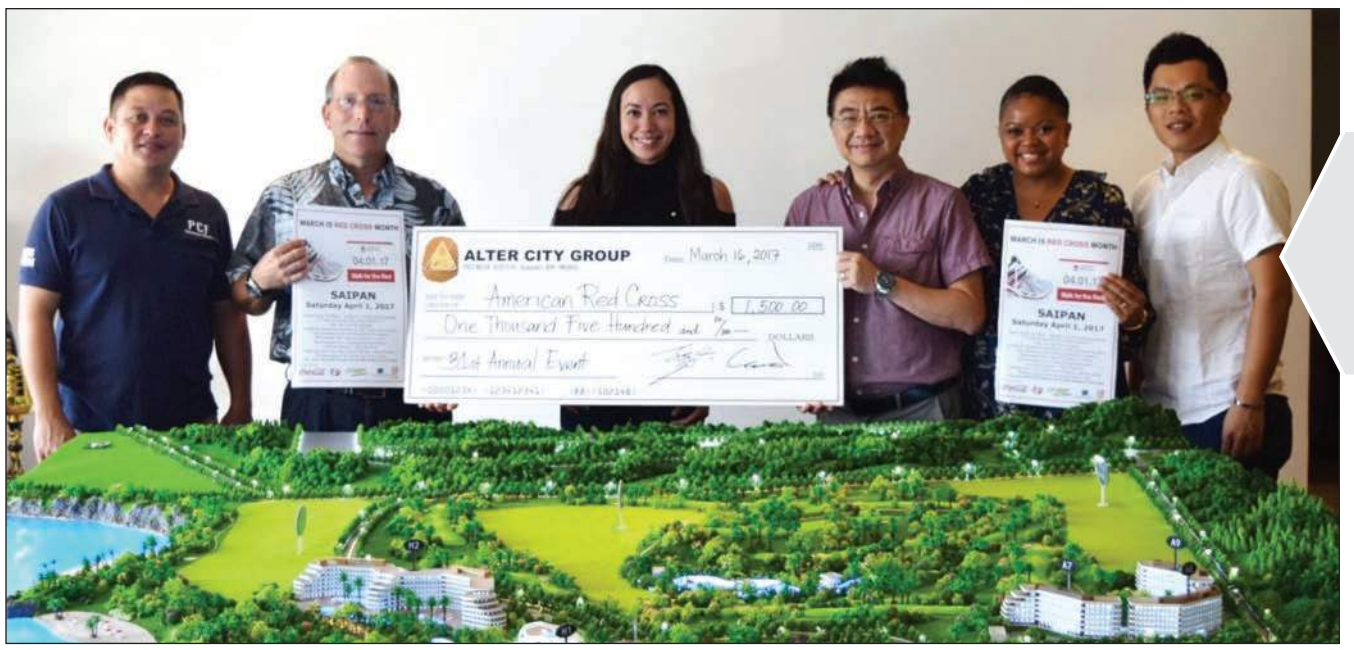

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Alter City Group, Inc. general manager Leo Szeto, third from right, and ACG, Inc. secretary Joe Chen, first from right, present a check to American Red Cross executive director John Hirsh, who Is joined here bt ARC co-chair Patty Palacios, ARC board member Nola Hix, and ARC Disaster Program manager JD Tenorio.
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CNMI visitor arrivals up 21 pct. in February 2017

Visitors arrivals to the Marianas increased 21 percent in February 2017 compared to February 2016.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 57,320 in February 2017, compared to 47,281 visitors received in February 2016. This is the third highest February arrivals in NMI history. The record for February was set in fiscal year 1996, with 60,125 arrivals that month.

Arrivals from Korea more than doubled, catapulting 122 percent higher to 30,313 visitors, representing over half of all tourist arrivals to the Marianas for the month.

Arrivals to the Marianas are up 72 percent overall this fiscal year, driven by direct flight services via five Korean airlines: Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, Eastar, and T'way.

Arrivals from China dropped 24 percent compared to February 2017 to 19,547 visitors. With the end of the Spring Festival holiday, the demand of outbound tourism market has fallen, especially for white-collar workers with annual leave. As a result, the outbound tourism price index of different regions showed a different range of decline, compared with the index of 2017 Spring Festival.

Seasonal charter service completed in February like Dynamic Airways is another reason for tourist decline in different regions without direct flights to Saipan, e.g. Shijiazhuang, Taiyuan, Nanchang, and Ningbo.

"Visitor arrivals are 21 percent higher overall this fiscal year, which is tremendous," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "However, we remain cognizant that tourism is a volatile industry, and as our study released last week on tourism sustainability shows, the Marianas still has a lot of work to do to stay on top of our A game. First, we need a realistic and controllable growth level. Urgently, the Marianas needs to fix immigration processing delays at the airport. And finally, we must improve our accommodations to keep pace with other destinations. We should take this as a time to improve, not rest on our laurels."

Arrivals from Japan fell 26 percent to 4,331 visitors in February, largely due a reduction in air seats. However, on March 26 Jin Air will provide a better connection between Fukuoka and Saipan via Seoul, a move that travel agency H.I.S. is supporting with new travel packages to the Marianas.

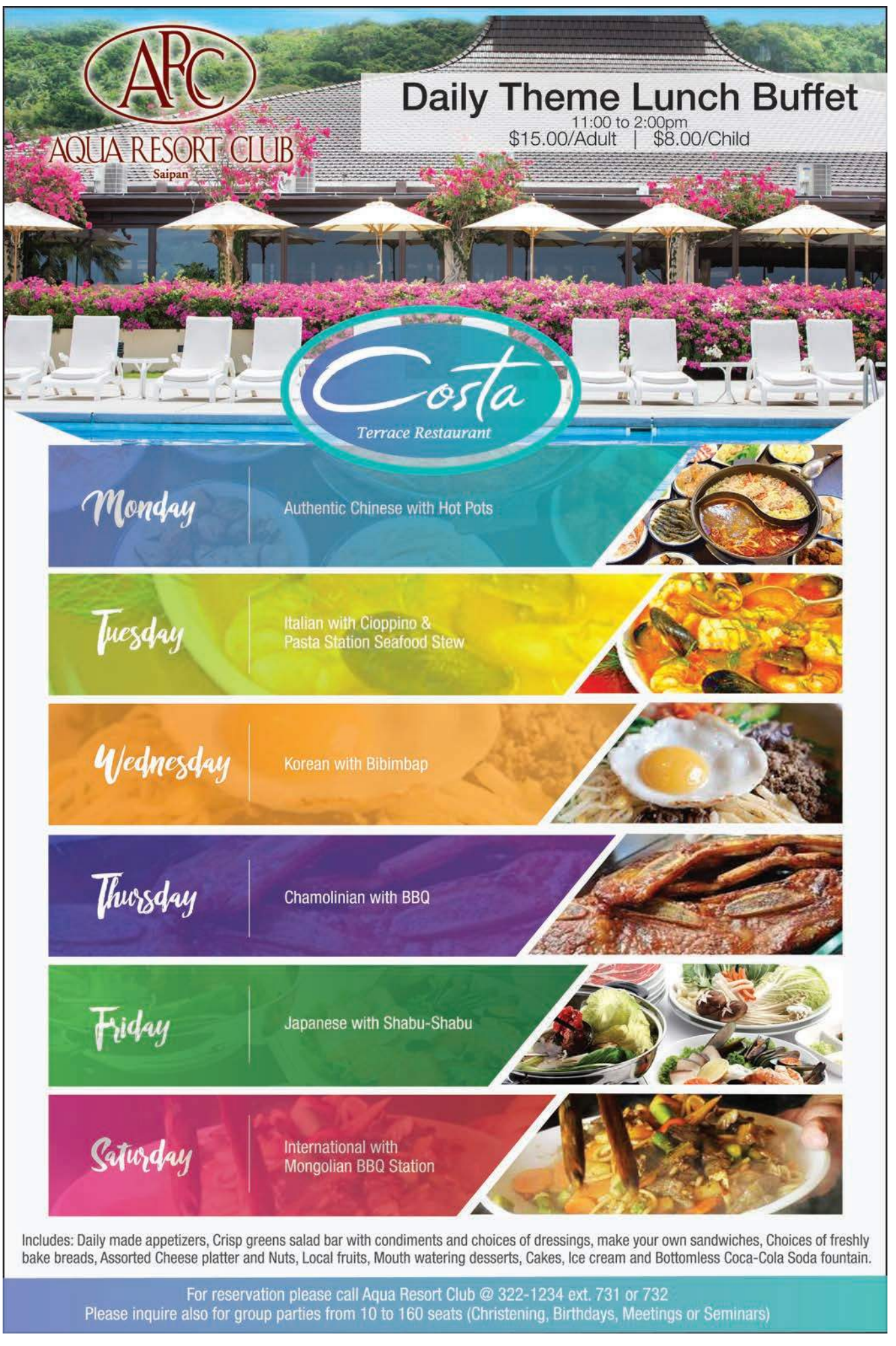
Looking ahead to the summer months, HK Express is about to confirm the possibility of eight charter flights from Osaka and one from Nagoya in August and September. Meanwhile, Asiana Airlines is considering a FAM tour in late May or early June to push sales for packages from Sendai to Saipan via Seoul.

Economic highlights

South Korea's central bank has lowered its 2017 growth outlook to 2.5 percent, citing greater risks from already weak domestic consumption. The average dollar/won exchange rate in January was 1,189.52 won, considerably up from the December rate of 1,170.63 won. Korea Tourism Organization reported the number of Korean outbound travelers in December was 2,007,035, a year-on-year increase of 12.6 percent.

China continues to experience record-breaking per capita income growth. The per capita income statistics reflect accurately regional and municipal economic development. This indicator is one of China's most frequently used statistics to determine domestic stability. In the month of January 2017, the China consumer price index saw an overall increase of 2.5 percent year-on-year.

The Japanese economy managed to expand for the fourth consecutive quarter in Q4 as a weak yen and strong global demand propelled export growth. Monthly rate average for the U.S. dollar to Japanese yen exchange in February 2017 was 112.87, up from 115.10 in the previous month of January. ***(MVA)***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AG: Section 3 of HB 20-43 is unconstitutional

Attorney General Edward Manibusan has raised concerns with Rep. Ivan Blanco about a bill introduced in the House of Representatives, House Bill 20-43, which attempts to clarify and define the authority of the Office of the Attorney General.

In a letter dated March 17, 2017, sent to Blanco, Manibusan pointed out that Section 3 of HB 20-43 interferes with the attorney general's constitutional duties, and Section 2 prevents the attorney general from the effective risk management of the Commonwealth's obligations.

Manibusan stated that H.B. 20-43, Section 3, violates the attorney general's constitutional duty to advise the governor and heads of executive departments on legal matters. In support of that position, the attorney general referred to the Analysis of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Participants sought in research

Those who participated in the Pacific STAR Center for Young Writers project in 2006 are being invited to take part in a research project conducted by a CNMI resident Jennifer Furey Maratita.

In 2006, young writers were asked to contribute to a book, titled *We Drank Our Tears: Memories of the Battles for Saipan and Tinian as Told by Our Elders* (Tuten-Puckett, 2004).

Maratita's research questions will focus on the understanding of the impact this project had and its relevance in your life nowadays. The impacts of shared narratives across generations in the CNMI are of special concern.

Maratita, a Ph.D. candidate in Clinical Psychology at Walden University, is in the CNMI and conducting research until mid-2017. For more information, email her at jennifer.maratita@waldenu.edu or call/text (670) 483-3879. ***(PR)***

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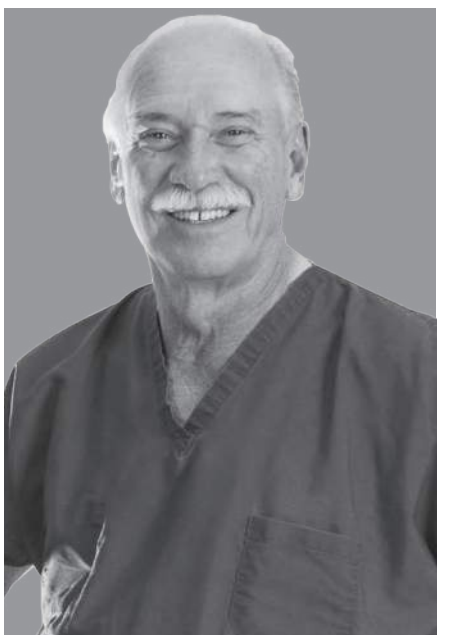
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Acting Assistant for Insular Affairs Nikolao Pula represented the Department of the Interior-Office of the Insular Affairs at the unveiling. DOI funded the parks closure and conversion.

Torres said it was a monumental and emotional day for all the people who were present, especially for the family of the late governor Inos, who in June 2015 led the groundbreaking ceremony to start the conversion of the former dump into a public park.

Inos passed away later that year without seeing the completion of the project that he also helped achieve. Former governors Pedro Tenorio, Juan N. Babauta, and Benigno R. Fitial, were also instrumental for the project.

"The late governor [Inos] also spent a lot of time in order to make sure the project is funded. He worked closely with OIA, with then still director Nik Pula and Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina," said Torres.

"Every administration in the past, including governor Inos looked forward to the Puerto Rico dumpsite being transformed into a family park. Now, we see this landfill transformed to what it is today."

The close partnership between the federal and local governments is a testament to the project's completion, Torres added. "We can achieve something great. It may cost a lot or a little bit more but the collaboration in time is the result that we're seeing today."

Pula congratulated everyone who had played a part in completing the development of the park. "This is the largest infrastructure funded by OIA in the CNMI, costing $29 million. It is 19.5 acres and 80 feet high."

He said the site of the former municipal dumping ground for over 50 years could no longer be seen. Thanks to OIA funds, the park project was completed after just 22 months.

"Now Saipan has an environmental friendly attraction that is adjacent to the American Memorial Park, which residents and tourists can enjoy," said Pula.

"The waters of the Saipan lagoon, with fish and corals, provides greater protection for the entire island for generations to come. It also gives you beautiful scenery overlooking Managaha Island and Mt. Tapochau."

Capital Improvement Projects project manager Elizabeth Balajadia said that Friday was also the dump's regulatory closure date.

She said the converted park complies with federal regulations "of providing the mechanism to capture all the gases such as methane produced during the natural decomposition of wastes and providing structures such as liners and drainage systems."

The park has a 33-percent slope; installation of gas control systems located in various sections; and has walls, ditches, and outlets that make up the drainage system.

"This is a project of preserving our environment, supporting our eco-tourism, protecting our greatest natural resources—air, land, and water. This is a project that satisfies the landfill closure and a conversion of the soft use of the land…We recognize all hardworking individuals that madke this park a success."

A passive park, also known as low intensity recreation, is an area that highlights the open spaces of the facility, allowing the preservation of the natural habitat. It usually involves low-level development of benches, picnic areas, and trails.

YONSEI

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medals. The silver medalists were Heechan Kim, Nan Shane Xie, and Sharon Paek. The gold medalists were Kate Ishida and Yuan Hua.

Ishida played Chopin's Etude Op. 10 No. 4.

"Learning this piece nearly killed my fingers. There is so much technique involved," she said.

This was Ishida's fifth year of competing on the piano. "Every year things get more and more competitive. But it's an amazing experience. I get to meet talented people and get to interact with a lot of them."

Ishida was modest with her win, crediting her music teachers. "Winning a gold medal gets more challenging every year, and I only managed to get one because of all the support I received from my family and friends. And most importantly, a huge thank you to my teacher, Mrs. Yun. Our former piano teacher left the island just a few months ago, and Mrs. Yun came to the rescue. It was hard for everyone to adjust to such a big change, but here we are, more successful than ever. If anybody deserves a gold, it's [Mrs. Yun]."

This was Hua's first time to participate in the TBMF. "I was so excited. I practiced very hard at home. …Chopin was a romantic poet pianist and waltz is a dance full of turning and gliding. It's an extremely entertaining dance for all. …My teacher, Mrs. Yun, told me to play my own music. I think and feel the music. When I play, sometimes I can see a girl dancing gracefully, sometimes I can see a man dancing proudly. I appreciated TBMF for giving me a stage to share my music."

Paek said: "There are many amazing competitors each year, but this year was a lot more special because I got to attend the award ceremony and see the talents of older and younger students, or students my age. I will miss attending the Tumon Bay Music Festival after I graduate."

Paek's piece this year was Chopin's Etude Op. 10 No. 8." It was a big jump from my piece last year, but I'm very thankful that I still pushed on and never gave up, thanks to my wonderful teacher, Mrs. Yun. I'm sure it wasn't easy for Mrs. Yun to get ready for a competition right after she came to Saipan. Fortunately, she never gave up on us."

Yun came to Saipan in November 2016 to teach at Yonsei Academy. After receiving her bachelor's degree in Music Education in Korea, she moved to Germany and studied under Prof. Mathias Webe. She also participated in the Max Reger Tage Festival. After graduating with her master's degree in 2008, Yun studied under Russian pianist Maraia Sukimanova, at J Brahms Konservatorium. She graduated with the highest award from the jury in 2011. After returning to Korea, Yun lectured at Hanbat National University Lifelong Education Center and is now conveying her knowledge to her students in Yonsei Academy.

"Although I had a lot of difficulties preparing for the Tumon Bay Music Festival as soon as I arrived, it was still a very special experience. It was a different atmosphere from the festivals from Korea and Germany, but it was very alluring to watch and hear the music of other students (especially students in Guam) other than the Yonsei Academy students. I will work hard for my students in Saipan to have various musical experiences in the future." ***(PR)***

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thorized to talk to the media and so asked not to be identified.

The exercise will take place in the second and third week of May, the other source said.

As China's military strength grows with the addition of power-projecting aircraft carriers, Beijing is extending its influence beyond its coastal waters into the Pacific.

The move worries Japan and the United States, but is also a concern for France which controls several Pacific island territories, including New Caledonia and French Polynesia.

China is building a second aircraft carrier, the *Shandong*, which when complete will join the *Liaoning*, which was bought from Ukraine in 1998 and refitted in China.

In December, the *Liaoning* led a group of Chinese warships that sailed through waters south of Japan.

Administered by the U.S., Tinian is part of the Northern Mariana Islands, which is adjacent to Guam, lying about 2,500km south of Tokyo.

Japan, a close ally of the US, possesses Asia's second-strongest navy after China and is forging closer defense ties with both France and Britain.

London in October dispatched four of its Typhoon jet fighters to Japan to train with the Japanese Air Self Defense Force. The British aircraft flew over the disputed South China Sea on the way back to assert over-flight rights over a region most of which is claimed by Beijing.

A spokesman for Japan's Self Defense Forces said nothing had been decided when asked if there would be a joint amphibious exercise with France, the United States and Britain.

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There's, however, a bit of good news as Trump's 2018 budget proposal gives a $1-billion increase for Title I education grants. Title I of the Elementary and Education Act of 1965 provides financial assistance to educational agencies and schools that have high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families to ensure that all will meet challenging state academic standards.

Figures provided by the Office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) showed that community development block grants, or CDBG, would be eliminated. That would cost the CNMI $984,846 in federal grants.

CDBG is one of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's longest-running funding programs that support local housing community development—low-cost housing and anti-poverty programs—and other infrastructure development. It is also being eyed to help lessen the infrastructure cost of hosting the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. helped the Northern Marianas Sports Association in getting close to $1 million in CDBG funding for the resurfacing project of the track surface of the Oleai Sports Complex. NMSA received $905,382: $772,638 in 2014 and $132,744 in 2015.

The Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality would only be receiving $1,150,336 from the EPA's state grants under the proposed 2018 budget. BECQ, in 2016, received a $2,091,520 grant that funded their programs and personnel resources in going up against polluters.

The CNMI Motherhead/ Fatherhead, Five Pillars (Utt) of the Carolinian Community, and programs for CNMI veterans would lose $346,690 with the proposed elimination of the funding program for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Home Investment Partnerships, which provide and help build low-income housing for low-income tenants, would lose $326,477 if it gets eliminated while the State Homeland Security would be slashed $213,500—the money usually used to prepare and recover in any form of terrorism and types of natural disasters like typhoons or earthquakes.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income families pay their power and water usage bills, is proposed to be eliminated. The CNMI could lose $210,604.

The Weatherization Assistance Program that retrofit homes to save energy would lose $176,764 if eliminated while all outlying areas under the Innovation and Opportunity Act grants that provide job training and employment services would be cut by $95,231.

The budget blueprint also proposes to eliminate the Emergency Food and Shelter program, an administered aid by the Federal Emergency Management Administration. In 2016, FEMA awarded local boards $79,820 to provide food, lodging, short-term rental or mortgage assistance, utilities assistance, and equipment to those in need.

The CNMI would lose $85,668 under the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, money that help pay the college education of 138 students from the CNMI while the Community Oriented Policing, which pays for two local officers, would be cut by $34,340.

The East-West Center, which facilitates the academic training and research in Pacific studies, and the Micronesian Legal Services Corp., which provides legal aid to 27,209 individuals including 1,418 seniors and 15 veterans, are also being proposed to be eliminated.

Sablan, however, said that CNMI schools would receive $12.2 million next year, an increase of $5.2 million, in Trump's budget. "I was also glad to see that the Trump budget protects Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund monies administered by the Environmental Protection Agency."

"The funding formula change in those two programs, won in the years since I came into office, has brought our islands $59 million in new infrastructure money."

AG

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The Analysis states that executive departments may not "engag[e] outside counsel to represent the department in any legal matter without a grant of authority from the attorney general."

Because H.B. 20-43, Section 3, authorizes executive departments to contract and obtain non-governmental private counsel without the consent or approval of the attorney general, Section 3 is unconstitutional, he said.

The attorney general also stated that "Section 2 of the bill prevents the attorney general from effective risk management of the Commonwealth's obligations." Specifically, the restrictions in Section 2 prevent the OAG from providing adequate legal representation.

Further, the elimination of the attorney general's required review and approval of rules, regulations, and contractual obligations removes statutory safeguards that protect Commonwealth executive officials who err in their duties.

"Allowing executive agencies to obtain private legal counsel without a grant of authority will harm the attorney general's ability to maintain consistent policy on legal issues and to effectively use Commonwealth resources. As a result, enactment of HB 20-43 will likely lead to an increase in legal conflicts between Commonwealth agencies and the duplication of legal and technical work," he said.

Manibusan stated that he has taken substantial steps in improving the procurement process. Since taking office, disputes in regard to the procurement process and contracts have been substantially reduced; forms for the Division of Procurement & Supply have been modernized and streamlined; procurement training workshops have been provided to agency staff members; and a draft of a complete overhaul of the existing procurement rules and regulations, which will eliminate outdated procedures, simplify the procurement process, and relieve the attorney general of having to apply irrelevant provisions, has been presented to the Secretary of Finance. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

1 of 2 charges vs cop accused of beating wife is dropped

The Office of the Attorney General has dropped one of two charges against rookie police officer accused of beating up his wife, who is also a police officer.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas amended the information that charged Ramon Saures Kaipat with assault and battery and disturbing the peace. The two charges carry a maximum penalty of one year and six months imprisonment.

Barcinas dropped the disturbing the peace charge, leaving only the assault and battery charge. That carries a maximum penalty of one year imprisonment.

Barcinas said he disturbing the peace charge was dropped for purposes of non-trial disposition.

The 38-year-old Kaipat has pleaded not guilty. The bench trial will be on May 15, 2017.

Kaipat allegedly hit his wife several times on the head and body last Jan. 13.

Police officers responded to the Truongs parking lot on Beach Road in Susupe at 11:18pm after receiving a call about a disturbing the peace incident.

A police detective saw Kaipat on top of his wife on the passenger side seat of a Nissan Altima car. Kaipat was reportedly holding down his wife's head on the seat. The wife was stepping on the car's horn, causing it to honk several times.

The couple had just come from a party for patrol officers at a hotel. While the wife was talking with her sister on the cellphone, Kaipat allegedly grabbed the phone and her hair and beat her up. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Rotary eyes 'Rock to Read' this April

The Rotary Club of Saipan will be hosting its annual "Rock to Read" this April 8, 2017, at 2pm and at the Pedro P. Multi-Purpose center, Susupe.

Rock to Read is a competition sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saipan. Students are encouraged to select a section of their favorite book and re-enact it on stage. Its purpose is to help middle school and high school students showcase their acting talents while encouraging them to read.

The Rotary club of Saipan is inviting students to enter the competition in teams. The teams must choose a book to perform that is at sixth grade level or higher. The students must interpret the book they chose through dancing or singing.

Prizes will be given out to the top five. The first placer will get $1,000. Second placer gets $750. Third placer gets $500. Those who get fourth place will receive $300, while those who land on fifth place will get $200.

The teams that don't place in the top five will till get consolation prizes of $100 each.

The Rotary Club board of directors must approve the books that each group chooses before the day of the competition. The deadline to register for this competition is on March 31, 2017. Teams can email their book choice to saipanrotary@gmail.com for approval. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

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Cruise tailor-made for Marianas launched

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MANILA, Philippines—Resorts World Manila, together with Star Cruises, launched its Stay and Cruise package tailor-made for residents of the CNMI and Guam who have long pined for a luxury cruise in the region.

The launch was held with much fanfare last Saturday night at the Winford Hotel, the site of the old San Lazaro Hippodrome in Manila, and was attended by media from the CNMI and Guam, flown in by RWM and Star Cruises all-expense paid.

Staff from KTKB, *Guamanian* magazine, KUAM, *Pacific Island Times*, *The Post*, and the *Saipan Tribune* were brought in not only to attend the launch but to join travel agents and other partners in a amiliarization tour of *SuperStar Virgo*'s six-day and five-night cruise to Laoag, Philippines, Kaoshung, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, China.

"There is no better time to see the world than when the sun is shining and a soft breeze is blowing. With Manila being a mere 3.5 hours plane ride away, the Philippines is an ideal jump off point for an exciting summer adventure on the high seas," a statement from RWM read on the launch of its Stay and Cruise.

MARK RABAGO

Media from the CNMI and Guam, flown in by RWM and Star Cruises, take part in the launch of Resorts World Manila's Stay and Cruise package tailor-made for residents of the CNMI and Guam who have long pined for a luxury cruise in the region.

For a starting rate of just $655, cruise-goers get an overnight stay at any RWM hotels. A free shuttle will then take you from the hotel to the *SuperStar Virgo*, which has made Manila its newest homeport from March 19 to May 3.

"This is a great chance to experience a round-trip cruise starting from the bright lights of Manila, the picturesque sand dunes of Laoag, the charming seascape of Kaoshung, Taiwan, and the shopping Mecca that is Hong Kong," the RWM press release added.

After embarking in Manila, cruise-goers would steam toward Laoag, the capital of Ilocos Norte and visit such historical sites such as Calle Crisologo, St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral, Plaza Salcedo, and the Burgos Museum.

Next stop will be going further north to Kaoshung where the itinerary include the Chi Mei Museum, a visit to an old Dutch hamlet called Chikanlou, and the Anping Fort, which was once the administrative capital of the Dutch colonizers.

In Hong Kong, cruise-goers will visit Victoria Peak, known simply now as The Peak, which is the highest part of the former British Crown colony. They will also tour the Aberdeen Fishing Village and The Garden of Stars.

The 882-foot, over 75,000-gross ton *SuperStar Virgo*, which is also under Resorts World Manila, could accommodate up to 1,870 passengers and was designed specifically for the Asian cruise market.

Guam and Saipan residents can directly avail of the Stay and Cruise package using credit card payments through the SSV RWM BUNDLE option at www.rwmanila.com/stayandcruise. Those interested can also call John Hagemann at +63917878583/john.hagemann@rwmanila.com or Janine Chua at +639178788576/janine.chua@rwmanila for more details. For other inquiries and reservations, contact Tourist/Visitor Hotline at (02) 908-8833 or visit www.rwmanila.com.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 03/20/17
Closing Date: 04/03/17*

JVA#17-003: Community Projects Coordinator II
Annual Salary: $25,791.92 - $27,081.51**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-004: Marketing Specialist I
Annual Salary: $23,394.02 - $24,563.73**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-007: Administrative Assistant
Annual Salary: $18,329.83 - $25,791.92**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.

** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Micronesian Legal Services is looking for a self-motivated individual to fill the following position:

Computer Support Specialist

Qualifications: Preferably a four-year STEM degree. A minimum of two to four years relevant experience.

Installation, trouble shooting, repair, testing, configuration, and maintenance of servers, desktop, and laptop computers, printers, and network equipment. Applicant must be familiar with and able to install, configure, and administer SQL server 2008 R2 or later; proficient with Microsoft Access 2007 or later. Microsoft certified a plus.

Salary depending on experience.

Please email your resume and current Police Clearance to william.fife@mlscnet.org; or mail to P.O. Box 5551 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950.

Applications are being accepted until April 20, 2017.

MLSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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BOARD OF PAROLE CNMI

TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Victor B. Hocog, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that a Parole Hearing is scheduled for **March 30, 2017 (Thursday), beginning at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Honorable Jose M. Sablan Memorial Building Conference Room, at the Department of Public Safety Building, located at Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. The Agenda is as follows:

I. **Preliminary Matters**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Presence of Quorum

II. **Consent Items**
1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
   a. February 17, 2017
3. Adoption of Hearing Minutes
   a. February 16, 2017

III. **Parole Hearing**

		BOP No.:	Criminal Case No.:
1.	Elmer D. Sablan	17-004	14-0052/14-0115
2.	Vincent Q. Terlaje	17-005	5-0064B/15-0100
3.	Jeffrey B. Manalo	17-006	16-0065A/09-0150A

IV. **Miscellaneous**
1. Parole Hearing Eligibility List
2. Schedule of Next Parole Hearing
3. Schedule of Next Board Meeting

V. **Adjournment**
A. Schedule of Next Board Meeting

VI. **Adjournment**

If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
BOP Chairman
Date: 03/16/2017

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY CNMI GOVERNMENT

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INVITATION TO BID
PROJECT NO.: CPA-IFB-006-17

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 27, 2017 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"PROCUREMENT & DELIVERY OF ONE UNIT VEHICLE: SUV 4-CYLINDER,5/DOOR ALL WHEEL DRIVE, 6-SPEED AUTO TRANS, A/C, POWER WINDOWS/DOORS, COLOR-WHITE, OTHER FEATURES AS PER FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS FOR CPA ROTA, ROTA

DELIVERY OF ONE UNIT VEHICLE TO ROTA AIRPORT SHALL BE 90 DAYS OR SOONER AFTER BID AWARD. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL AT atudela@cpa.gov.mp (Alex Tudela/Procurement Officer) PRIOR TO MARCH 20, 2017.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE ORIGINAL BID AND 2 COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED:
"IFB FOR PROCUREMENT & DELIVERY OF ONE UNIT VEHICLE FOR CPA ROTA, ROTA". BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION §40-50-1020 AND §40-50-1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CPA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CPA.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Date:_____
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ATTORNEY FOR Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- JOAQUIN B. CAMACHO AND RAMONA S. CAMACHO Defendants.) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 17-0016

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 7th day of March, 2017 by order of the Court.

/s/ Clerk of Court

VIRGINIA S. CAMACHO
P.O. Box 7258 SVRB,
Saipan, MP 96950
789-8569

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter of the Petition to Appoint General Guardianship for: Sidney Joshua C. Stephen Minor Child By: Virginia S. Camacho Petitioners) FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0114 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on March 30, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 15th day of March 2017.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Hearing set in Larson motion to disqualify Manibusan

A Superior Court judge will hear Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson's motions to dismiss the lawsuit filed against her by Attorney General Edward Manibusan to stop her from paying the governor, lieutenant governor, and lawmakers the salary increases provided in Public Law 19-83.

Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja set the hearing on May 3.

Larson had asked the court to junk the lawsuit and to disqualify Manibusan as a party to it. She is represented in the case by former AG Matthew T. Gregory and attorney Kimberlyn K. King-Hinds.

Gregory said that Manibusan is suing Larson to have the court essentially declare certain public laws that have raised the salaries of past and present legislatures, lieutenant governors, governors, and judges to be declared unconstitutional.

Curiously, however, Gregory said Manibusan only asks the court for an order declaring that the current members of the Legislature's salary be returned to the pre-1981 level of $8,000.

He also asserted, among other things, that as the chief legal officer of the CNMI government, the AG is constitutionally mandated to advise and represent the Finance secretary on matters pertaining to Finance.

Gregory noted that these actions by the AG against his client, Larson, raises serious concerns of conflict.

Gregory said Manibusan's conduct violates the Model Rules of Professional Conduct as he is suing an existing client.

A check with court files on Friday showed that Manibusan has yet to reply to Larson's motions.

Manibusan's lawsuit alleges that Public Law 19-83, which provided the salary increases, is unconstitutional because the Advisory Commission that recommended the increase was not validly constituted, and that the increase recommended by the commission for the Legislature exceeded the change in an "accepted price index" since the last time the salary was adjusted.

Manibusan asked the court to issue preliminary and permanent injunctions to prevent Larson from implementing the law. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMC, DPS sign agreement for cadet training

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College and the Department of Public Safety have agreed to work together to improve the career opportunities of police cadets.

A memorandum of agreement between NMC and DPS was signed Friday morning to formalize the enhanced efforts to train and develop police cadets. The MOA aims to reward cadets with college credits as they go through police academy training. The MOA was signed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, and DPS Commissioner Robert Deleon Guerrero.

The credits may be used toward the completion of a criminal justice associate degree, one of the more popular degrees in NMC.

"The agreement signed today launches an important collaborative and strategic partnership between NMC and DPS," said Fernandez. "We are very excited to be working with [Deleon Guerrero] and his team at DPS in providing training to current and future police cadets."

Along with earning college credits for a possible degree, police cadets would also be able to utilize NMC services such as the library, the student area, tutoring, financial aid, and more.

Applicants interested in becoming a cadet must first complete the English 101 placement test, test negative for drugs, pass the physical agility test, receive a favorable rating on a special background investigation, along with other requirements.

According to the agreement, DPS and NMC will participate in the selection of the instructors for the police academy but NMC will be responsible for certifying instructors for accreditation purposes.

Fernandez acknowledged the work of NMC criminal justice coordinator Zerlyn Taimanao and DPS Maj. Lawrence Camacho in preparing the agreement and seeing it through.

The Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association for Schools and Colleges accredits the Northern Marianas College.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

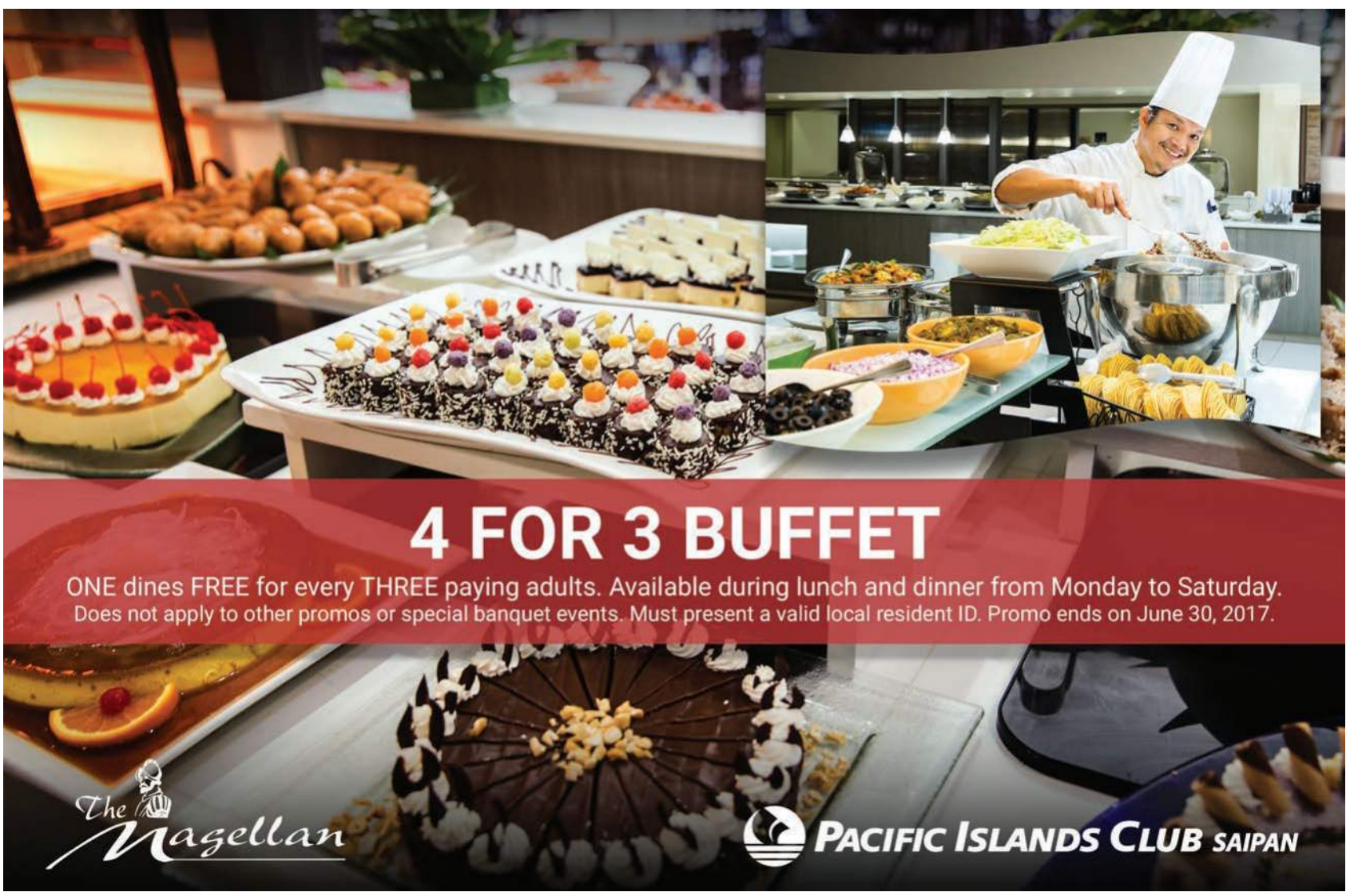
CCA board to meet on March 21

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting tomorrow, March 21, 2017, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president, and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(CCA)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 7th birthday to Devon Jude. Hope you enjoy your special day. Love, Mommy, Daddy, Dremian, and all our families.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As of March 20, 2017
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Imperial Pacific International	11/14/2016 SS-2017-X-016	Habitat Restoration &	Garapan, Saipan Conservation Plan	Shoreline	Approved, 02/17/2017 Submission
2. Marianas Enterprise Limited	12/30/2016 SWm-2017-X-022	Staging	Tanapag, Saipan	Wetland	Extended - Pending Submission
4. Bridge Investment Group	12/30/2016 TPlm-2015-X-065	Staging	Tinian	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 03/01/2017 Amendment 2017-1
5. Saipan Intl. Real Estate Development dba. Ocean Vista	01/04/2017 SMS-2015-X-010 Amendment 2017-1	Design Revision/Expansion	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Major Siting	Final Determination 03/07/2017
6.Tai Su International Development Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Beach Road Ocean View Resort Complex	Beach Road, Saipan	Major Siting	Pending Submission 03/07/2017
7. Rota Department of Public Works	09/28/2016 RMS-2016-X-086	Coral Quarry Pit (Mining & Operations)	Igua, Rota	Major Siting	Approved, 03/09/2017
8. Forson Holding (CNMI), LLC	01/30/2017 SMS-2017-X-029	Amendment & Transfer of permit from American Textile SMS-97-X-85)	Tanapag, Saipan	Major Siting	Extended-Pending Submission
9. Mark Arnold L. Santos dba. Mac's Marine	02/09/2017 SLRm-2007-X-092	Marine Sports Activities Banana Boat Operation	Tanapag, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 02/10/2017
10. Castle Project CNMI LLC	02/01/2017 SMS-96-X-376 Amendment 2017-1	Renovation	Tanapag, Saipan	Major Siting	Extended-Pending Submission
11. Department of Public Works	02/07/2017 SWm-2017-x-029	Access Road Relocation	San Vicente, Saipan	Wetland	Approved, 02/17/2017
12. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	02/13/2017 SPI-2017-X-032	To install three 40 Primary Power Poles	Tanapag, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 02/17/2017
13. Windsurfing Saipan Inc.	02/13/2017 SS/LR-2017-X-033	35th Micronesian Open Windsurfing Regatta	Micro Beach, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 02/17/2017
14. Eleanor Loste	2/23/2017 SCH-2017-X-034	Soil Investigation	Garapan, Saipan	Coastal Hazard	Approved, 03/01/2017
15. Commonwealth Utilities	2/24/2017 SS-2017-X-035	To install 2 Power Poles	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved, 03/14/2017
16. Pacific Marine Enterprise	2/28/2017 SPI-2017-X-036	Drydock	South Seaplane Ramp, Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 03/01/2017
17. Docomo Pacific	03/02/2017 SSPIW-2015-X-075 Amendment 2017-2	Fiber Optic Installation, Additional Routes	Susupe, San Jose,	Multiple APC's	Approved, 03/03/2017
18. Hayden Corporation	03/03/2017 SW-2017-X-021 Amendment 2017-1	Staging No.3 Additional Lot	Capitol Hill, Saipan	Wetland	Approved, 03/08/2017
19. Pacific Marine Enterprises	03/06/2017 SSCHPIm-2017-X-037	Geotechnical Survey	Lower Base, Saipan	Multiple APC's	Under Review*
20. AC Pacific, LLC	03/13/2017 SW-2017-X-038	Soil Investigation	Middle Road, Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Wetland	Under Review*
21. Zen Homes	03/14/2017 SMS-2017-X-039	Apartment Complex	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
22. Zone D Development, LLC	03/16/2017 SSCH-2017-X-040	Residential Housing	Chalan Piao, Saipan	Shoreline, Coastal Hazard	Under Review*
23. Imperial Pacific International	03/16/2017 SMS-2015-X-029 Amendment 2017-1	Name Change	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
24. Saipan Aqua World	02/10/2017 SLRm-2010-X-077	Marine Sports Activities Snorkeling	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 02/17/2017
25. Ben & Ki Water Sports	02/23/2017 SLRm-95-X-112	Marine Sports Activities Banana Boat Operation	Fiesta Resort, Garapan,	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 02/18/2017
26. Wondersea Saipan, Inc.	2/24/2017 SLRm-2002-X-31	Marine Sports Activities Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 02/28/2017
27. Marianas Trekking	02/24/2017 SLRm-2014-X-061	Marine Sports Activities Kayak, Canoe, Snorkeling, Stand Up Paddle	Saipan & Managaha	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 02/28/2017
28. Sasha Co., Ltd.: Speedy	02/24/2017 SLRm-2006-X-002	Marine Sports Activities Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 2/28/2017
29. Asia Pacific Maine Sports	2/28/2017 SLRm-2010-X-005	Marine Sports Activities Snorkeling	North of Grand Vrio Resort, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 3/1/2017
30. Mariana Sports Club, Inc.	3/22/2017 S/TLRm-2003-X-126	Marine Sports Activities Scuba	Saipan/Rota/Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 3/3/2017
31. Seventh Sense International	3/1/2017 STLRm-2005-X-014	Marine Sports Activities Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Saipan/Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 3/1/2017
32. Big Eye, LLC	3/8/2017 SLRm-2016-X-009	Marine Sports Activities	Saipan Scuba	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 3/14/2017
33. Ocean Plus Saipan Inc.	3/8/2017	Marine Sports Activities S/T/RLRm-2015-C-004	Saipan/Tinian/Rota Scuba Diving Tour Operation	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Approved 3/14/2017
34. Crystal Star Corp.	3/10/2017	Marine Sports Activities	Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal-Under Review

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

FOR SPECIES RECOVERY
12 states to get $3.74M

WASHINGTON—The Department of the Interior announced Friday that through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Cooperative Recovery Initiative, more than $3.74 million is being committed to nine projects across 12 states to help recover some of the nation's most at-risk species on or near national wildlife refuges.

"We are targeting our work where it will do the most good for America's resources," said FWS acting director Jim Kurth. "This initiative is a unique way to engage in conservation work with states and partners, giving the taxpayer a good return on investment."

Species to benefit from CRI funding include the Miami blue butterfly, ocelots, Puritan tiger beetles, masked bobwhite, and spectacled eiders.

Since 2013, FWS has funded 66 projects for nearly $27 million through the CRI. Other species that have benefited include the Oregon chub, the first fish in the nation to be taken off the endangered species list; Sonoran pronghorn; dusky gopher frog; and red-cockaded woodpecker. These projects often provide conservation benefits to other imperiled species and encourage partnerships with states and private groups.

In the Pacific region, the funding will protect two endangered Hawaiian waterbirds and core wetland habitats at Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge.

A project team will establish long-lasting protections for two endangered birds, the Hawaiian coot and Hawaiian stilt, against predators and ungulates and create new habitat, resulting in a large-scale restoration of Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, a critically important wetland habitat in Hawaii. ***(DOI)***

Scheduled power outages on March 22, 23

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 9am to 1pm, to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to replace a rotted primary power pole in China Town, to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

China Town will be affected (Executive Ct., Husga Av., President St., Ruler Ct., and Governor P1.).

Another scheduled power outage will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 9am to 1:30pm to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace four wooden power poles with concrete poles along Naftan Road in Dandan.

Areas to be affected: Naftan Road, Dandan (Hawaiian Rock Quarry and Guerrero residence).

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest update. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

PH consulate holds outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine honorary consul to CNMI, Glicerio Arago, will hold a mobile consular outreach on Saipan at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Hall in Susupe, from March 19 to March 22.

The schedule for biometrics capturing of the e-passport applications is already available. Please note that all e-passport applications require "personal appearance." Please wear proper attire (i.e. shirt with collar).

Applicants on the list are advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule. Due to the start of the new ePassport system, we are strictly implementing the cancellation of "no show" applicants.

For more information and confirmation, call (670) 233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. ***(PR)***

Navy training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- March 20-21 from noon to 5:3pm
- March 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 6pm
- March 23 from 10 a.m. to 7:30pm
- March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30pm

The Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on March 21-23 from noon to 10pm.

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00»N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. **(PR)**

Trump asks Congress for $11.6B budget for Interior

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced Friday President Trump's $11.6 billion fiscal year 2018 budget blueprint request for the Department of the Interior.

According to a department statement, the budget meets the department's core mission while also saving taxpayers $1.5 billion, a 12-percent reduction from the FY 2017 Annualized Continuing Resolution level.

The President's budget blueprint prioritizes strengthening America's energy security by increasing funding for programs that support responsible development of oil, natural gas, coal, and renewable energy on public lands and offshore waters. The blueprint also sustains funding for DOI's collection and disbursement of roughly $10 billion annually for mineral development, an important source of revenue to the Treasury, states, and Indian mineral owners.

The President's blueprint directly supports funding for land management operations for the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management, ensuring streamlined operations and greater access to public lands for multiple uses, including recreation, conservation, and responsible development of natural resources. The budget ensures National Park Service assets are preserved for future generations by increasing investment in deferred maintenance projects.

"America's public lands are our national treasures and the President's budget sends a strong signal that we will protect and responsibly manage these vast areas of our country 'for the benefit and enjoyment of the people'," Secretary Zinke said. "Before serving in government, I served on the front lines for 23 years as a military officer. I can say for certain that this budget allows the Interior Department to meet our core mission and also prioritizes the safety and security of the American people. From supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination across Indian country to investing more than $1 billion in safe and reliable water management in the western U.S., to budgeting for wildland fire preparedness and suppression, and streamlining access to the energy resources America needs, this budget enables the Department to meet its core mission and prioritizes programs that will put Americans' security first."

The President's budget blueprint also eliminates some duplicative programs, including discretionary Abandoned Mine Land grants that overlap with existing mandatory grants, National Heritage Areas that are more appropriately funded at the local level, and National Wildlife Refuge fund payments to local governments that overlap with other payment programs. The budget reduces land acquisition funding by more than $120 million and focuses available discretionary funds on investing in and maintaining existing parks, refuges and public lands. ***(DOI)***

Sewer odor in Puerto Rico areas, south of Chalan Pale Arnold Road

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the public that there is currently a sewage odor in the Puerto Rico area and south of the Chalan Pale Arnold Road area.

The cause of the odor is due to a damaged equipment that presses down the sludge, causing an accumulation of solids. Wastewater operations personnel are currently making the necessary repairs and are anticipated to be completed by today, March 20, 2017, 5pm. Odor should dissipate by the morning of Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor CUC's Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.corn/ComrnonwealthUtilitiesCorporationl). ***(CUC)***

Troubleshooting leaves of absences

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have Meredith Sayre of the Camacho Calvo Law Group speaking on how to troubleshoot leaves of absences at its March meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

A law degree graduate from Gonzaga University School of Law, Sayre is a transactional attorney with a practice emphasis on labor and employment law in a broad range of industries including hotels, travel companies, tour operators, golf courses, retail, restaurants, and financial institutions. She is an adjunct professor in human resources management and managing the employee and the workplace at the University of Guam and is a guest lecturer in various courses. She is also a past president of the SHRM Guam Chapter.

On Wednesday, Sayre will speak on the interplay of the three major employment laws: the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act,) and Workers' Compensation Insurance.

It is essential for all supervisors, in addition to the human resourcestaff, to understand the interplay of these laws to assure legal compliance as well as to provide employees with the benefits and protections each law provides. The presentation will provide an overview of each of the three laws, an explanation of the overlap and interplay of these laws, and a scenario which reinforces the need to understand how these laws work.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public. Sayre will provide an opportunity for questions.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet at the cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Denise Montenegro at email at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867. ***(PR)***

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Mr. President, it's time to show us your taxes

For crying out loud, Mr. President, it's time to turn over your tax returns.

It's time to do so, not because of Rachel Maddow's underwhelming and over-hyped show Tuesday night. While the breathless reporting over a few leaked summary pages from a 12-year-old tax return told us nothing about the source of your money, they indicated that, at least for that year, you did indeed pay taxes.

It's time, because it's always been the right thing to do. Mr. President, it has never made a lick of sense to refuse to show your tax returns, not as a candidate and especially now that you are in office. Gerald Ford was the last president to not do so, and even he produced summary pages of his returns during his brief tenure in office. Almost every major candidate—Bernie Sanders was a disappointing exception—produced years' worth of returns. You should too.

What possible reason is there not to?

Are you hiding something about where your money came from? Tax returns will spell out the sources of your wealth. They could bolster trust and help will help insulate you from claims of foreign business entanglements.

Is it possible that you are just afraid you'll be embarrassed by a bad year? That you'll look stingy when it comes to charity?

What else could it be? Modesty about your riches?

Let's be serious.

Mr. President, the day after you were sworn in, spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway said you would never release your tax returns, apparently missing the fact that this would render you a bald-faced liar, given your previous promises to do so as soon as you were out from under audit.

"We litigated this all through the election," she added. "People didn't care. They voted for him, and let me make this very clear: most Americans are—are very focused on what their tax returns will look like while President Trump is in office, not what his look like."

Within a day, Conway had walked back her own comments, and fell back on the same excuse you have made for months—the so-called audit dilemma.

But your protestations that you cannot make public your returns until an alleged audit is complete is pure pretense.

The IRS advises that it usually looks back just three years for a routine audit, and as long as six years on rarer occasions. OK, so show us your most recent tax returns from non-audit years, Mr. President.

But more to the point, there's never been any good reason why being under an audit means someone in Trump's position—that is, as president of the United States—can't make his returns public anyway.

Put plainly, Americans deserve to know whether their president is honest.

When it comes to issues of income and investments, a tax return is the gold standard of proof. Instead of producing that proof, and moving on to the important work ahead, you've rashly decided to do the wrong thing, over and over, by withholding your returns.

In the end, the only one who will pay the price for that is yourself. That is, you and your presidency. By which we mean, by extension, everyone everywhere.

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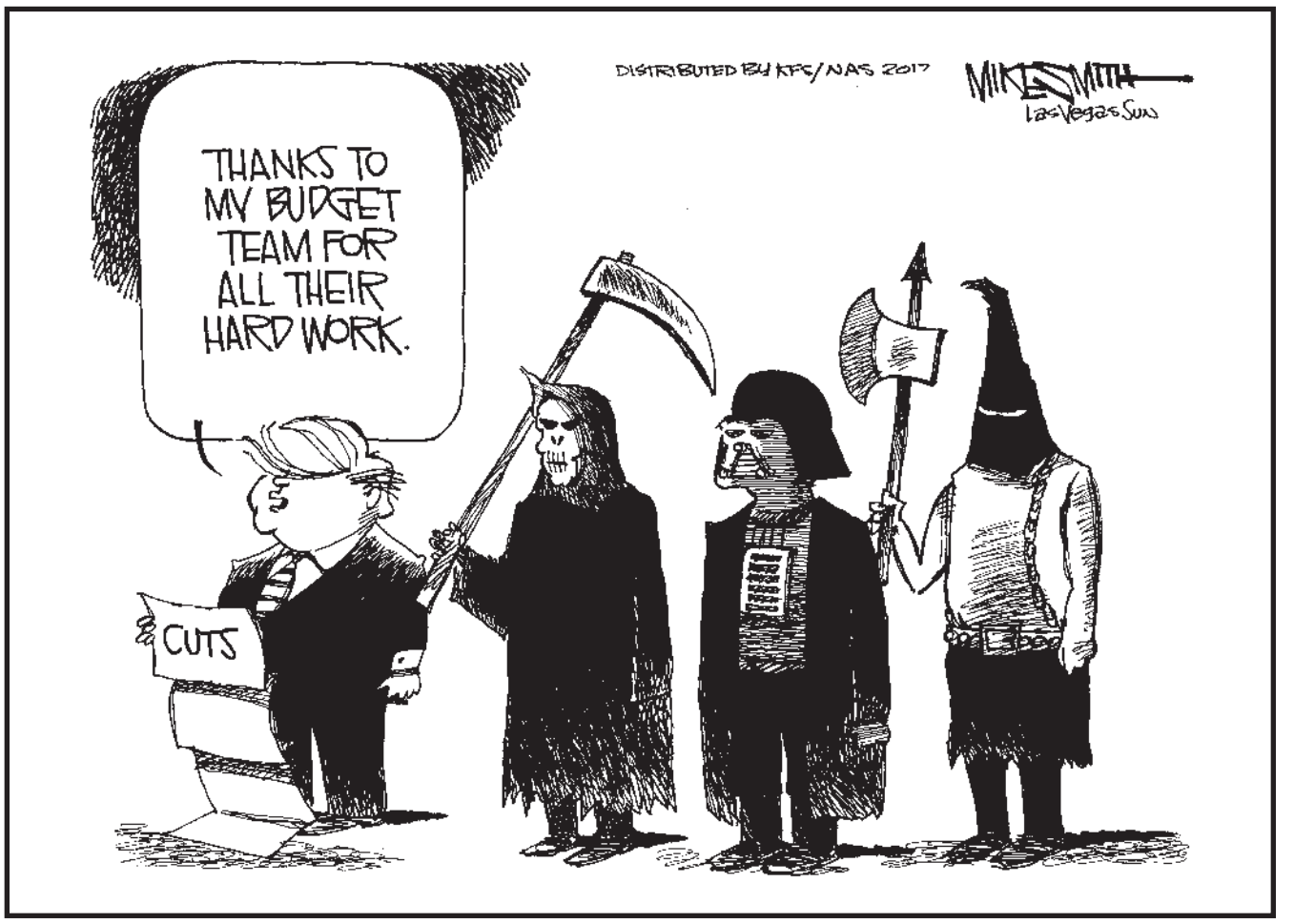

Evidence is for weak leaders

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OK, some of you losers out there are having trouble keeping up with the way the Trump administration communicates, so let me bring you up to speed.

Let's take the story about President Donald Trump's tweets alleging that former President Barack Obama wiretapped Trump Tower before the November election. The fake news media are all upset and whiny because Trump hasn't provided evidence to prove his obviously true criminal accusation.

They're even more upset and whiny because the Republican and Democratic leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee released a statement Thursday saying: "Based on the information available to us, we see no indications that Trump Tower was the subject of surveillance by any element of the United States government either before or after Election Day 2016."

In the Trump administration, that kind of statement can mean only one thing: nothing.

And that's why Press Secretary Sean Spicer came out Thursday and told the stupid and untrustworthy media that Trump "stands by" his series of tweets.

And why does the president believe a bipartisan group of senators with access to intelligence information are wrong and his four early morning tweets are right? Simple, Spicer said: "There are a ton of media reports out there that indicate that something was going on during the 2016 election."

Don't you guys get it? The lying, terrible media are so dumb and ignorant they can't see that all the evidence is right out in the open—produced by the lying, terrible, dumb, ignorant media.

Spicer went on to spend about 10 minutes reading from a series of news reports, including some from The New York Times, the same paper Trump described in a late-January tweet like this: "They got me wrong right from the beginning and still have not changed course, and never will. DISHONEST."

None of the stories Spicer cited gave any confirmation that Trump Tower was wiretapped or surveilled, but that's beside the point. The stories kind of/sort of mentioned surveillance and stuff like that, and by hammering away at them for so long, Spicer made his case that there's ample evidence for Trump to accuse his predecessor of scandalous illegal activity.

Still, the media persisted, forcing Spicer to again note that Trump's very specific accusation was actually extremely general because the president used quotation marks around the words "wires tapped."

Trump's original tweet read: "Just found out that Obama had my 'wires tapped' in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!"

Everybody knows that if you put quote marks around something, that something can mean virtually anything. Trump could've been suggesting that Obama was surveilling Trump Tower, or surveilling members of Trump's campaign, or flying spy drones around Manhattan, or wiretapping a convenience store in New Jersey or whatever.

In an interview with Fox News' Tucker Carlson, Trump said: "And don't forget, when I say wiretapping, those words were in quotes.That really covers, because wiretapping is pretty old fashioned stuff. But that really covers surveillance and many other things. And nobody ever talks about the fact that it was in quotes, but that's a very important thing."

Very important. In fact, even the things Trump says out loud that are later put between quote marks in print can mean "many other things." (Even those three words I just quoted, because they're inside quotation marks, can mean many other things. They might mean things that we don't even know exist yet. It's very important.)

Hopefully the innovative communication system that has been implemented by this administration is now clear:

1) The president of the United States, the most powerful leader in the free world, says or tweets something.

2) He requires no evidence to support whatever is said or tweeted, because evidence is for weak leaders and this country is sick of weak leaders.

3) If either the tweet or the words he spoke—or any part of the tweet or the words he spoke—are inside quotations marks, then they are vague and can mean virtually anything.

4) Any reporting on the tweet or the spoken words—particularly if that tweet or those words are in quotation marks—is DISHONEST, a vile concoction by the lying media.

5) If the swine media refuse to shut up about the boldly evidence-free statement, several media stories about things tangentially related to that statement will be read out loud in a mean and accusatory tone.

6) At the end of the day, nothing the president says means anything unless you agree with him, in which case it makes perfect sense and is an excellent point.

There you go. I can't imagine anything more straightforward and easy to understand.

Please try to keep up, people. The president has an America to make "great" again.

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Trump should break campaign promise on entitlements

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In his first 50 days in office, President Donald Trump has been working to make good on many of his campaign promises.

Whether slashing government regulations or cracking down on illegal immigration, Trump appears to be ticking through a very aggressive action list with the ruthless efficiency of, well, a slightly mad businessman.

One promise Trump made before his election was less proactive. He vowed to do basically nothing when it comes to America's costly and ill-fated entitlement programs.

Trump reiterated his pledge to make "no changes" to Social Security and Medicare when he spoke last month to a joint session of Congress.

The promise of inaction may be little else than an attempt to appease his base, but if fulfilled, it could be one of the most costly "actions" of Trump's presidency.

It is a promise he should not keep.

To be fair, during the 2016 presidential campaign, both Trump and Secretary Hillary Clinton opposed making significant changes to Social Security and Medicare.

Indeed, entitlement reform is a sticky issue for politicians.

The programs have become lifelines for millions of Americans who depend on them for income and care for far longer than policymakers ever anticipated.

They are also the two largest mandatory government expenditures, sucking up some 41 percent of federal outlays in 2015.

That number is projected to grow by leaps and bounds in the coming decades.

According to the annual Social Security Trustees report, the program's trust funds will be depleted by 2034, when "continuing tax income would be sufficient to pay 79 percent of scheduled benefits." By 2090, the program will be able to pay only 74 percent of scheduled benefits.

The Congressional Budget Office agrees, estimating that payroll taxes would need to be "raised immediately and permanently" by almost 5 percent or that scheduled benefits be reduced by a similar amount in order to "pay the benefits prescribed by current law and maintain the necessary trust fund balances through 2090."

Medicare faces similar shortfalls.

Thanks to the ever-rising cost of health care and the massive increase in eligible recipients, its Hospital Insurance Trust fund will be bankrupt even sooner, in 2028.

And nothing exacerbates our nation's dim financial outlook quite like entitlement spending.

At its current rate of payout, Social Security will accumulate more than $1 trillion in deficits in the next decade.

None of this information is new.

But we have a new president, and for at least the next year-and-a-half he will have a Republican Congress, whose leadership (not so very long ago) seemed willing to die on the hill of enacting entitlement reform.

Some congressional Republicans have expressed optimism the president will be amenable to reforms in the coming years.

"My hope is, that at some point, that he will," Texas Sen. John Cornyn told RealClearPolitics.

House Speaker Paul Ryan recently told NBC's "Today Show" that he believes Trump's promise to make no programmatic changes applies to benefits for current and near-term recipients, but that does not preclude reforms for future generations.

And there are individuals in the president's Cabinet who seem willing to take the case directly to Trump.

During his confirmation hearing, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mick Mulvaney, conceded that if left untouched Medicare and Social Security will both run short of funds in the coming decades.

Since his confirmation, Mulvaney said he "already started to socialize the discussion around ... the West Wing about how important the mandatory spending is to the drivers of our debt," and will turn his attention to preparing reform proposals in the coming months.

Mulvaney seems to think Trump can uphold his pledge to current entitlement beneficiaries while saving the programs for the future.

That remains to be seen.

One thing is for sure: If Trump is really interested in making America "great again," he has to tackle entitlements—and that may mean breaking a promise.

The complications of the border wall take shape

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President Donald Trump's border wall is moving, at least figuratively. Bloomberg News reported that the Department of Homeland Security will this week begin soliciting construction bids for a 30-foot concrete barrier and "other designs."

Congress is also gearing up to consider the wall, funds for which were sought Thursday in Trump's budget request. If the president's experience with Congress on health care is any guide, "other designs" may turn out to be a euphemism for the next phase of his political education.

Some congressional Republicans seem even less enamored of a wall than of grappling with the complexities and trade-offs of health-care policy. "I've never thought we needed a 2,000-mile wall. We have to use technology," Senate Homeland Security Chairman Ron Johnson told Bloomberg. "We have to use boots on the ground in some areas."

When the Texas Tribune surveyed the Texas delegation about a wall in December, many representatives failed to respond, forgoing the opportunity to display their ardor for Trump's signature initiative. But some who did were unintentionally funny.

A spokeswoman for Republican Rep. Pete Sessions responded that Sessions considers Trump's fulminating about a wall an "analogy" for how Trump will "strengthen border security, protect our sovereignty and maintain our nation's rule of law."

House Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul of Texas was far more literal in a Fox News op-ed article he published Dec. 2. It was titled, "Yes, we will build a wall, put Mexico on a 'payment plan' and enforce the law."

When his office was subsequently contacted by the Tribune, however, the McCaul camp was suspiciously low energy. "When asked by the Tribune if that meant he supported a contiguous wall along the entire border, a spokeswoman declined to comment," the Tribune reported.

Rep. Roger Williams told the Tribune he supports "a wall where we can build," while Rep. Randy Weber asked: "Do we need to build a wall the entire way? That's a discussion we'll have."

Indeed, the Tribune reported, "none of the 38-member Texas delegation offered full-throated support of a complete border wall."

One reason for a lack of enthusiasm is a strong doubt that all of the terrain along the border can reasonably support a wall. As Fox News reported:

The southern border between the U.S. and Mexico is made up of wetlands, grasslands, desert, rivers, mountains and forests—all of which could pose pitfalls for builders.

Swaths of the area also feature a thick layer of loose sediment—like dirt, sand and soil—on top. Some spots are packed with hydrophilic clay soil, which swells, moves and could destroy the foundation.

Another reason is that much of that land belongs not to the government but to residents of Texas, which has the longest stretch of border with Mexico. Many Texans are not eager to relinquish it.

The government used eminent domain to acquire borderlands for previous fence building. More will be necessary. One family received a letter offering them $2,900 for 1.2 acres near the Rio Grande. "We don't want this wall—the town is pretty much united on that," Yvette Salinas told the Texas Observer. "But we don't want to get sued by the U.S. government either."

It turns out that borders, much like health insurance, are complicated. Perhaps Congress will encourage Trump to settle for a symbolic barrier and lots of technology doing the real work.

If not, Republicans may move from voting to take some Americans' health insurance away to voting to take others' land away.

Identity politics goes shopping

By JEFF BERGNER
The Virginian-Pilot

Jeff Bergner lives and shops in Norfolk, Va. He wrote this for The Virginian-Pilot.

Whoever said that identity politics is taking over knows what he is talking about. These days we seem to be increasingly defined by our group membership, sometimes in surprising ways.

As I pulled into my grocery store parking lot the other day, I passed by the many rows of reserved handicapped parking spaces. As usual, most were empty. Indeed, a recent study by the leading analytics firm XYZ, Inc. estimated that the odds of every handicapped parking space being filled at once are less than being hit by lightning while shopping.

The one occupied space was filled by a sprightly middle-aged gentleman who bounded out of his car at near Olympic speed. He was probably late for his tee time.

As I continued past these reserved spots, I pulled into the next available space—only to discover that it too was reserved: for women with young children. Foiled again. But I am nothing if not polite to women and children, not to mention rule-bound, so I dutifully backed out and pulled in two spaces down the way.

But as I pulled in, I saw that this space too was reserved—for active military and veterans. I take a back seat to no one in my support for veterans, so I retreated once again. I did notice, though, that the uniformed military men and women shopping that day hadn't parked in these spaces, somehow failing to appreciate the high honor they had been accorded.

My first reaction—admittedly never fully trustworthy—was that perhaps the grocery chain had taken things a bit far. But I quickly thought better of it, and decided that this practice of assigned parking spaces hasn't gone nearly far enough. I need to get with the program; there are surely lots more groups out there who deserve their own designated spaces. Anyone who has ever suffered discrimination of any kind could surely make a plausible claim for a near-in parking space. Marginalized groups of all kinds should be fairly compensated.

While we are at it, surely all those Americans with Trump Derangement Syndrome should be accommodated. Haven't these poor souls suffered enough?

As a white male, I have a pretty good idea where I will be parking when the smoke clears and each group has its fair share of reserved spaces. In the great scheme of things, being left-handed is far and away my best hope for a space within walking distance to the store.

So I took matters into my own hands and pre-emptively parked out on the parking lot's fringe, out where the paranoid owners of slightly more expensive vehicles park sideways to avoid dents and dings.

As I walked to the store, I discovered that it was refreshing to atone for the many forms of privilege with which I have been blessed. Besides, I need the exercise.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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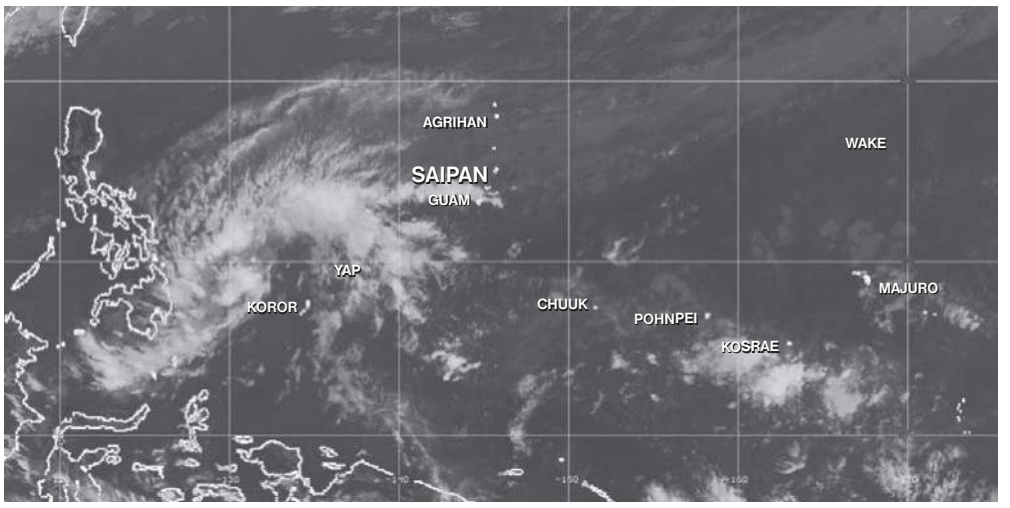

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A shear line continues to be draped across the Marianas. It will persist over the local area until about Tuesday. Expect mostly cloudy skies to prevail through Tuesday. By Tuesday night the shear line is either broken up and/or moved west of the islands. As the shear line is closer to Rota expect scattered showers over Rota, Tinian and Saipan today. Scattered showers over Guam this morning will taper off to isolated by the afternoon. With the shear line moving little until Tuesday scattered showers will persist across Rota, Tinian and Saipan through Monday night. Shear lines occasionally become more active at night expanding the scattered showers associated with them. GFS hints at this happening tonight so brought in scattered showers to Guam tonight after midnight continuing through Monday morning. The GFS model suggest that this will again happen Monday night through Tuesday morning over Guam but was not certain of this so left it out. There is a small chance of thunderstorms through Monday night. Drier weather will return Tuesday and persist through the remainder of the coming week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	84 | 77 °F
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	85 | 77 °F
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	88 | 71 °F
Chuuk	Rain	84 | 80 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast	86 | 79 °F
Kosrae	Rain	86 | 79 °F
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	85 | 79 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Clear	74 | 58 °F
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Honolulu	Clear	82 | 70 °F
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Los Angeles	Clear	76 | 54 °F
Manila	Clear	91 | 74 °F
Melbourne	Clear	90 | 65 °F
Miami	Clear	82 | 63 °F
New York	Overcast	50 | 41 °F
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	63 | 47 °F
Paris	Overcast	59 | 47 °F
Pusan	Clear	65 | 37 °F
Rome	Scattered Clouds	62 | 48 °F
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UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Hyatt golf classic gets more support

Back row, from left, Hyatt Regency Saipan security manager Robin Eugenio; Sorensen Media Group general manager James Nelson; Power 99 DJ Kosher; and Power 99 DJ Bra. Front row, from left, Sorensen Media Group's Analyn Nunez; Hyatt Regency Saipan director of Rooms, Rosalyn Quintanilla; and Hyatt Regency Saipan F&B director Tyrell Pauling.

Hyatt Regency Saipan 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic has partnered with Sorensen Media Group - Power 99 for media coverage for the upcoming tournament to be held on April 22 at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort west course. Sorensen Media Group general manager James Nelson and his team of DJ personalities DJ Kosher and DJ Bran will cover different angles of the tournament, with live discussions with the 21st Annual Charity golf committee directors highlighting an array of prizes, new sponsors and the tournament's beneficiaries.

"Sorensen Media Group always looks for opportunities to support the CNMI. As long as we can remember, Hyatt Regency Saipan has always given back to our island community with support efforts from volunteering to donations. The mission of the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic is one that we admire—to care for others in our community. Power 99 encourages golfers to register for the early bird special before April 17. Don't forget to stay tuned to Power 99 for updates on prizes, sponsors and tournament information," said Nelson.

The 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic remains one of the island's most favored tournaments and Hyatt Regency Saipan is grateful for the support from Sorensen Group and Power 99's coverage of the upcoming event. Its radio stations include Power 98 FM, Newstalk K57 AM, The Kat FM, and The Shark Radio on the island of Guam as well as Power 99 on Saipan. The television stations within their network are ABC7 both available on Guam and Saipan as well as Fox6 and The Pacific News Center in Guam. Through PNC, the Sorensen Media Group provides daily local and sports news to the island of Guam via television, radio and online broadcasting.

"We are honored by the generosity of the Sorensen Media Group to help support us in our efforts to promote the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic. With their support and the contributions of other partnering organization, our tournament will make an even bigger impact in our island community," said Tyrell Pauling, director of food and beverage at Hyatt Regency Saipan. ***(PR)***

Wind advisory in effect

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, a small craft advisory for winds is in effect until 6am today, Monday.

The National Weather Service in Tiyan has issued a small craft advisory for winds, which is in effect until 6am today. Fresh to strong winds will continue through tonight over Tinian and Saipan waters. Winds will slowly diminish and fall below advisory levels Monday morning.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller Vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. ***(EOC)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-017
KOBLERVILLE SUMP ABANDONMENT AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Koblerville Sump Abandonment and Water System Improvements in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new transmission and distribution lines, cut and cap of existing lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of air relief valves, new sample taps, and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **220 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **March 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "*CUC-IFB-17-017, Koblerville Sump Abandonment and Water System Improvements"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 23rd, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on March 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org and to Travis Spaeth, CUC Project Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org .

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-021
IFET DRIVE 4-INCH WATERLINE PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new 4-inch & 6-inch distribution lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new flush hydrant, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **March 29, 2017** at **10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-021, Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 05, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 31, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

First-ever R.I.S.E. Women in History Awards

The community gathered on Friday morning to witness five women who were honored by the first ever R.I.S.E. Women in History award ceremony of Imperial Pacific International through its Corporate Social Responsibility as part of the CNMI's celebration of Women's Month. R.I.S.E. stands for respective, inspired, strengthened and empowered.

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The honorees and family representing them, from left, the late honoree Escolastica Cabrera represented by daughter Linda, educator Paulette Tomokane-Sablan, public service Maisie Tenorio, Margarita Torres-Aldan for healthcare and represented by sister Magdalena, and the late Dolores I. Marciano represented by her daughter.

IPI-CSR

The Woman in Healthcare Award was presented to Margarita Torres-Aldan. Her sister, Magdalena Torres, received the award on her behalf. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and first lady Diann Torres, organizing committee chair Felicidad Ogumoro, Imperial Pacific International chair Mark Brown, and Saipan Mayor David Apatang presented the award.

IPI-CSR

San Vicente Elementary School principal Paulette Tomokane-Sablan received the Woman in Education Award from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, first lady Diann Torres,, Imperial Pacific chair Mark Brown, chai Felicidad Ogumoro, Saipan Mayor David Apatang and committee member Doris Drew.

IPI-CSR

Maisie B. Tenorio recipient of the Woman in Public Service Award, beams with pride as she receives the award from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Imperial Pacific International chair Mark Brown, organizing committee chair Felicidad Ogumoro, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and committee member Doris Drew.

IPI-CSR

The children of Dolores I. Marciano, honoree for the Woman in Arts and Culture, receive the plaque on behalf of their mother. They are Luella Marciano, Leilani Marciano and Rita Marciano. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and first lady Diann Torres, organizing committee chair Felicidad Ogumoro, Imperial Pacific International chair Mark Brown, Saipan Mayor David Apatang and committee member Doris Drew presented the award.

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The R.I.S.E. Women Business Award for the late Escolatica Carbera was received by children Eloy Cabrera, Olinka Cabrera, Rita Cabrera, Gloria Cabrera-Reyes and Linda Cabrera. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, organizing committee chair Felicidad Ogumoro, Imperial Pacific International chair Mark Brown, Saipan Mayor David Apatang, and committee member Doris Drew presented the award.

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Interested applicants can mail their resume at P.O. Box 7788 SVRB, Saipan MP 96950 or may email to saipan@americopters.com. No phone calls please.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-020

CORAL TREE AVENUE, GARAPAN SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (S-11-017)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately ± 190 LF of existing 12-inch ACP, 6-inch service lateral connections, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping system and road restoration.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-020, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan Sewer Line Replacement Project",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 23, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 PM (ChST) on March 15, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email birhen.martinez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Company president, 3 others arrested over CW-1 scam

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The president of a company that owns an auto repair shop and three others were indicted last week on charges of recruiting alien workers from Bangladesh for a fee, with promises of work and green cards.

David Trung Quoc Phan, president of United Brothers Inc., which operates TBK Auto Cares in Lower Base; MD. Rafiqul Islam, Zeaur Rahman Dalu, and Muksedur Rahman were arrested by federal agents.

The indictment charged them with mail fraud and five counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, with a notice of criminal forfeiture.

According to the indictment, Islam, Dalu, and Rahman were recruiting alien workers from Bangladesh, promising them jobs. They also allegedly promised the prospective workers income of at least $1,500 per month, and that they would be given lawful permanent residence statusor "green cards."

Islam, Dalu, and Rahman allegedly charged each worker between $15,000 and $20,000 in exchange for the promised job and visa.

Phan then filed I-129CW petitions with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in California.

Prior to filing the petitions, Rahman allegedly asked Phan to help him bring his relatives to the CNMI by filing CW-1 petitions for them. Rahman paid Phan $1,500 for filing the petitions.

Phan submitted fraudulent contracts to USCIS, lying that United Brothers had an available position for each worker.

The workers were allegedly "coached" to lie to U.S. consular officers during their visa interviews.

Soon after the workers arrived in the CNMI, they briefly worked for Phan at TBK Auto Cares. But he later let them go, saying it was not his responsibility to give them jobs. Phan told the workers that he only submitted the petitions to bring the workers to the CNMI because Rahman had paid him $1,500.

Arlene Hart, also known as Arlene Silva, president of Curtwill Corp. in Koberville, was also indicted in federal court for allegedly recruiting workers in the Philippines for a fee after promising them work on Saipan.

Hart was charged with two counts of mail fraud, and three counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting.

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2017.

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'Show NMI culture to greet tourists'

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Showcasing the CNMI's island culture could be done as early as when visitors are welcomed at the airport, according to Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero. In the process, the tourists are entertained while they are waiting in line.

The lack of personnel at Customs and Border Protection and the successive arrivals of flights have resulted in long lines f tourists waiting to get immigration clearance at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport. At one point it took almost five hours before passengers were cleared to enter the CNMI.

Guerrero said this and other issues at the airport are being addressed, with CBP, the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the Marianas Visitors Authority among the lead agencies.

"Right now the airport and the long waiting period are among the biggest concerns. MVA had created a task force to study what else needs to be done and built. They are thinking of realistic solutions," said Guerrero.

He added a little entertainment could lighten the frustrated mood of visitors.

Unveiling of the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park

From left, Rep. Angel A. Demapan, IT&E manager Rose Soledad, CNMI Board of Education vice chair Janice Tenorio, Northern Marianas College president Carmen Fernandez, and Office of the Governor senior policy adviser Glenna SP Reyes were part of the crowd that witnessed last Friday's ceremony.
JON PEREZ

Rep. Angel A. Demapan, left, presents a photo of Eloy S. Inos to the late governor's eldest child, Dora Inos Deleon Guerrero.
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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, presents a symbolic key to Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Nikoloa Pula.
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Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard B. Seman addresses the crowd.
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Diocese of Chalan Kanoa Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez gives the blessing.
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Matt Deleon Guerrero, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' chief of staff, is the master of ceremonies.
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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second right, and Office of Management and Budget special assistant Vicky Villagomez, second left, turns over the ceremonial key to Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard B. Seman, left, and Division of Parks and Recreation director Eli Cabrera.
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IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Tricia H. Manglona

Born to Life on July 22, 1971
Called to her Eternal Life by our Dear Lord on March 14, 2017

In her New Life, she now joins her:
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BROTHERS AND SISTERS:
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†Luis Manglona/ †Lydia M. Estacio/
†Yvonne M. Eugenio
†Raymond H. Manglona

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CHILD: Daverish M. Alqueza

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Francisco H. Manglona

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Terrence/ Eva Taisacan (Sabina and Son)
Tricille Taisacan/ Fredrick (Shawnteo)
Tyree Lou Taisacan
Lester Lee Paul
Vallie De' Ana Manglona (Millia)
Nina Manglona (Lucio and Jannie)
Mercedes Taitano

She is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives & Godchildren.

Daily Mass is offered at 6:00 am at Kristo Rai Parish.
Nightly rosary is offered at Kristo Rai Parish at 7:00 pm until Tuesday only.

Public Viewing on Saipan will be on Thursday, March 23, 2017
at Commonwealth Health Center Chapel from 7:00-9:00am.
After the viewing, her remains will be escorted from the CHC chapel
to Saipan International Airport and will depart at 10:00 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 noon at the
San Francisco De Borja Church, Songsong Village, Rota.
Internment will follow immediately after mass.
Your Thoughts and Prayers are Greatly Appreciated

The Family

Health & Fitness

laughing until you die

By BRUCE HOROVITZ
KAISER HEALTH NEWS/TNS

Just weeks before Christmas some years ago, Shirley Rapp and her family faced the devastating news that she had what appeared to be a terminal illness.

But that didn't stop Rapp from wanting to do one last round of Christmas shopping for her kids. Her daughter, Karyn Buxman, a self-described neurohumorist and RN, went along. When the mother-daughter duo stepped into a St. Louis-area stationery store, Rapp picked up a day planner that she admired, turned to her daughter and quipped: "If I make it past Jan. 1, will you buy this one for me?"

That's when Mom and daughter burst into laughter that attracted every eye in the store.

For some folks, the process of dying comes with less stress when it's something of a laughing matter. Not a yuk-yuk laughing matter. But, at its simplest, a willingness to occasionally make light of the peculiarities—if not absurdities—that often go hand-in-hand with end-of-life situations.

An aging generation of boomers, the oldest of whom are now 70, grew up to the background sounds of TV laugh tracks and are accustomed to laughing at things that might not always seem so funny. There's even a nonprofit organization funded by donors, conference revenue and membership dues, whose mission is simply reminding people that laughter is a core ingredient of all facets of life—even end of life.

"Laughter is the best medicine," says Mary Kay Morrison, president of the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor, "unless you have diarrhea."

Humor is particularly important when folks near end-of-life situations, says Morrison. Turning 70 hasn't stopped her from engaging in activities specifically to make her laugh—like hopping on her pogo stick. "While death cannot be cured, your frame of mind is something that you can change."

Her group has some loose guidelines for the use of humor among the dying. Most critically: Make certain that you know the ailing person very well before using humor with them.

On its website, the National Cancer Institute urges patients to build humor into their day-to-day lives, in ways as small as buying a funny desk calendar and watching comic films and TV shows.

Buxman, who earned a lifetime achievement award from the AATH, gives speeches on the importance of life's comic moments. A former hospice nurse, she takes humor very seriously. She has studied the impact humor has on the brain and on the stress levels of patients in their final days. The right humor at the right time, she says, can infuse the brain with pleasurable hits of the stimulant Dopamine, decrease muscle tension and anxiety in the body's nervous system, and momentarily diminish feelings of anger or sadness.

As it turns out, her mom survived her initial illness—only to later develop a fatal form of Alzheimer's. Near the end, Buxman took her mom to the doctor's office—at a time her mom had stopped responding to most external stimuli. While sitting in the waiting room, Buxman could hardly believe it when her mom uttered, "Make me laugh."

Buxman knew this was the time to share a funny, family memory. She recounted to her mom the story about the time the two of them visited the kitchen section at a large department store and saw a display of frying pans cooking what appeared to be artificial eggs. "This food looks so real," her Mom said, poking her finger into the fake food. But the egg was real, and when the yolk popped, it oozed all over Rapp and the display.

"As I recounted this story, Mom's face moved and her eye's sparkled—and the two of us just doubled-over with laughter," says Buxman. "Even near death, we can still communicate to the most primitive part of the brain—with laughter."

But family-related humor isn't only acceptable in terminal situations—it's often helpful.

Just ask Paula McCann, an elder attorney from Rutland, Vt., who writes the blog onthewaytodying.com. She recalls when her then 83-year-old father, John, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, requested to die at home. His children and wife took turns caring for him. One evening, McCann sat with her mother at her father's side, shortly after he had been administered his last rights. Mother and daughter started to discuss where his soul was at that moment. McCann suggested to her Mom that perhaps it was in a holding pattern, while God reviewed the right and wrong he'd done, before allowing him into heaven. That's when her mother quipped, "He'll be there forever."

A sense of humor about all of the drugs patients deal with at life's end, helped Ronald Berk, former assistant dean at John Hopkins University, through a rough patch. His wife, Marion Smith-Waison, a former OB-GYN doctor, was very ill before her death 18 months ago. She had scheduled a meeting at their home with folks offering holistic medicines. When Berk entered the room, a drug counselor asked him, "Are you taking any medications?" Berk shot back, "Yes, I was taking crack—but I gave it up for lent."

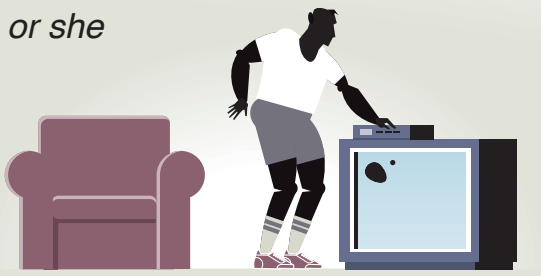
Berk insists humor at that stressful moment offered a critical "release valve."

Personal Trainer

Your fitness in 'mets'

One way to measure a person's cardio fitness is to determine how many "mets" (metabolic units) he or she can reach at peak exertion.

1 met Amount of energy a person expends sitting quietly



2 mets Mild exercise that takes twice that much energy

Moderate exercise
3 to 6 mets

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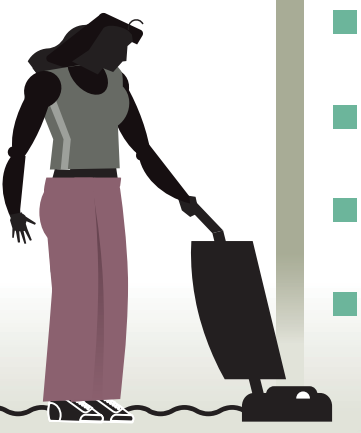
- Ballroom dancing
- Cycling, level road
- Swimming, moderate
- Moderate housework



Vigorous activity
More than 6 mets

- Racewalking, 5 mph (7.5 kph) or faster
- Energetic ballroom dancing
- Bicycling uphill, 10 mph (16 kph)
- Swimming steady, paced laps
- Moving furniture

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Criteria for 100 percent fitness

Age	Women	Men
35	10.15	10.85
45	8.85	9.75
55	7.55	8.65
65	6.25	7.55

For women:
14.7 minus
(age X 0.13)

For men:
14.7 minus
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Life & Style

Bromance between Gyllenhaal and Reynolds filming 'Life'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—There's a bromance brewing between actors Jake Gyllenhaal and Ryan Reynolds.

The Hollywood stars say they hit it off so well during the filming of their new sci-fi thriller called "Life" that a genuine friendship has blossomed. The movie, about a team of scientists aboard the International Space Station who find an alien life form from Mars, is premiering Saturday at the South by Southwest festival in Austin.

The "Brokeback Mountain" and "Deadpool" stars were mostly all jokes during rounds of press interviews prior to the film's premier, answering most questions with a back-and-forth comedy shtick. But they turned serious when asked about the connection formed on set.

"You do these films and get to work with really amazing people, really talented people and you think 'oh I'm going to hang out with these people afterward and see them again,'" said Reynolds. "You don't most of the time because you go on living your life. But with this guy, we've stayed friends. That's a lucky thing. It doesn't always happen."

Ryan Reynolds, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal arrive for the world premiere of "Life" at the ZACH Theatre during the South by Southwest Film Festival on Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Austin, Texas. AP

Some of the first signs of the newly-forged bond came earlier this week when Reynolds gave high praise to Gyllenhaal on Good Morning America, calling him one of the most interesting actors currently working in Hollywood. Reynolds said Saturday that his co-star is "one the greatest actors of this generation."

"I loved working with this guy," he said. "I loved spending time with this guy. It's not often you get this experience."

Gyllenhaal was equally complimentary, saying Reynolds's role last year as a foul-mouthed superhero is exactly what he strives for -a performance so authentic that it would be nearly impossible for another actor to duplicate.

"We sort of grew up in this business together without knowing each other until very recently," Gyllenhaal said. "It's hard in a business where ... a lot of times we're pretending to get closer to the truth and to find somebody who you feel is genuine. I feel that way about him, so we're friends."

The movie plot draws some notable parallels to Ridley Scott's 1979 classic "Alien," tracking a team of scientists on a spaceship who encounter an alien life form that wreaks havoc. Their discovery- the first evidence of extraterrestrial life on Mars-turns out to be a threat not only to the crew but to all life on Earth.

Chuck Berry's music helped define the modern teenager

By HILLEL ITALIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rock n' roll was more than a new kind of music, but a new story to tell, one for kids with transistor radios in their hands and money in their pockets, beginning to raise questions their parents never had the luxury to ask.

Along with James Dean and J.D. Salinger and a handful of others in the 1950s, Chuck Berry, who was 90 when he died Saturday at his suburban St. Louis home, helped define the modern teenager. While Elvis Presley gave rock n' roll its libidinous, hip-shaking image, Berry was the auteur, setting the narrative for a generation no longer weighed down by hardship or war. Well before the rise of Bob Dylan, Berry wedded social commentary to the beat and rush of popular music.

"He was singing good lyrics, and intelligent lyrics, in the '50s when other people were singing, 'Oh, baby, I love you so,'" John Lennon once observed.

"Classic rock" begins with Chuck Berry. His core repertoire was some three dozen songs, but his influence was incalculable, from the Beatles and Rolling Stones to virtually every garage band or arena act that called itself rock 'n roll.

In his late 20s before his first major hit, Berry crafted lyrics that spoke to young people of the day and remained fresh decades later. "Sweet Little Sixteen" captured rock 'n' roll fandom, an early and innocent ode to the young girls later known as "groupies." ''School Day" told of the sing-song trials of the classroom ("American history and practical math; you're studying hard, hoping to pass ...") and the liberation of rock 'n' roll once the day's final bell rang.

Most Interesting Man judges beard contest; girl's dad wins

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—A man who helped pitch Dos Equis beer as the Most Interesting Man in the World turned his attention from his favorite beer to his favorite beard by judging a competition called Vermont Beardies.

Actor Jonathan Goldsmith, who lives in Manchester and sports a closely cropped white beard that he maintains with a lice comb given to him by a veterinarian, was one of four judges who chose the contest's winner in Burlington on Saturday.

This year's honors went to Bryan Sturge, of Barre, who hasn't cut his beard in almost two years.

The event benefits Make-a-Wish Vermont, which helps grant wishes to children living with life-threatening conditions. Organizers said Saturday night that they'd raised nearly $30,000.

The competition was judged in three categories: urban beard, freestyle and backwoods. Each contestant also had to tell an interesting story about his beard. Out of the more than 100 original entrants, the top 30 were invited to the in-person finals.

Sturge entered the backwoods competition as a tribute to his 11-year-old daughter Zoey, who died of cancer in 2013 before her Make-a-Wish request to go to Disney World and swim with the dolphins could be granted.

When Zoey was sick, Sturge promised Zoey he wouldn't shave until she got better. After she died, he shaved a couple times but always regrew his beard. He said he entered the contest to give back to Make-a-Wish so that other children could be granted wishes that Zoey never got to experience.

Goldsmith, who spent nine years as the pitchman with the gravelly voice for Dos Equis, said there are a few things he's looking for in a winning beard.

"The character of the beard, how it brings forth something indigenous to the individual, something personal," Goldsmith said.

While the premise of the contest is humorous, the reason for it can be heart-wrenching.

Husband suspects wife's bar pal is more than a friend

DEAR ABBY: I've had a feeling my wife is about to leave me for another man. For the last few months he has been coming to the bar where she works and saying stuff to her. I don't know what he says, but he has also been texting her and posting things on her Facebook page.

She told me he's only a friend, but since he has been coming around at her work, she's been really cold to me at night. We don't have sex like we used to, and she doesn't let me hold her when we are in bed. Plus, she used to sleep nude, but now she wears pajamas to bed.

What should I do? She told me I need to get help because I'm jealous of him.

JEALOUS IN OREGON

DEAR JEALOUS: I think "help" would be a good idea. Tell your wife you're willing to get some on the condition that she come with you. It's called marriage counseling, and clearly you both are in need of some. Your doctor can refer you to a licensed therapist. Also, if you have a religious adviser, make an appointment to talk with him or her. If your wife refuses, do both of these things without her. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old sophomore. People in my class openly share their opinions and act disgusted when a slightly older man and a younger woman are together, or vice versa.

I get offended when my classmates make these comments because my mom is 39 and my stepfather is 27. They love each other very much, and I don't think age should interfere. Am I oversensitive because I'm offended by these comments?

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

DEAR AGE: Becoming offended solves nothing, unless the comments are made specifically about your mom and stepdad. It's my observation that people with little life experience tend to be judgmental about things they know nothing about, and 15-year-olds are no exception. Perhaps when your classmates are older, they'll realize that people don't fall in love "by the numbers" and that it's a mistake to generalize.

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DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, I was always told to remove my shoes when visiting another person's house, especially if they have new flooring. Now that I'm an adult and building a new house, I would like to ask people to remove their shoes upon entering my home.

I have young children and expect family with other small kids will visit. I'd like to keep the floors clean and maintain their good condition. Would it be tacky or rude to ask this of visitors?

SHOELESS IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR SHOELESS: I don't think so, but some people may. In Japan, removing one's shoes before entering a dwelling is customary. The soles of shoes are covered with germs, and if small children crawl around on your floors, it's not too much to ask. Be sure to warn prospective guests in advance so they can bring their own slippers, or keep a supply of them by your front door.

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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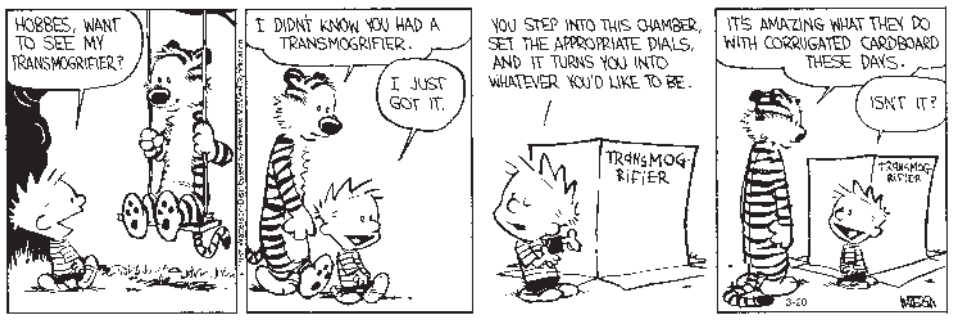
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HOBBES, WANT TO SEE MY TRANSMOGRIFIER?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A TRANSMOGRIFIER.
I JUST GOT IT.
YOU STEP INTO THIS CHAMBER, SET THE APPROPRIATE DIALS, AND IT TURNS YOU INTO WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE TO BE.
TRANSMOG RIFIER
IT'S AMAZING WHAT THEY DO WITH CORRUGATED CARDBOARD THESE DAYS.
ISN'T IT?
3-20

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DAD, I NEED A SMALL BUSINESS LOAN.
YOU DO?
YEP. I'VE STARTED A VENTURE AT SCHOOL.
I MAKE LITTLE MONSTERS OUT OF PLAY-DOH AND KIDS BUY 'EM.
BUSINESS IS BOOMING AND I NEED DOH DOUGH.
"SHARK TANK," HERE WE COME!
3-20

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

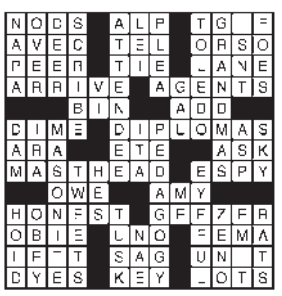
CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Choose
4 Super Bowl org.
7 Stephen King pooch
11 "Sad to say ..."
13 Yalie
14 Persia, today
15 Dorothy's dog
16 Wee dollop
17 Pen tips
18 Celery unit
20 Muffin choice
22 Debtor's letters
24 Slowly, in music
28 Famed escape artist
32 Ritzy violin
33 "— Karenina"
34 Glacial
36 Milky gem
37 "Untrue!"
39 Bits of corn
41 Reacts to a pun
43 Standard
44 Gambling mecca
46 Morticia's hubby
50 Roman censor
53 Hostel
55 Wash
56 Oil cartel
57 Coloring agent
58 Stead
59 Calendar row
60 Tel. number add-on
61 ER workers

DOWN
1 Feedbag fill
2 Conspiracy
3 "Toodle-oo!"
4 Homer's neighbor
5 Dieter's target
6 Sign after Virgo
7 Gooey pastry
8 Mentalist Geller
9 Poke
10 Switch settings
12 Very reliable
19 Japanese pond carp
21 Oklahoma city
23 Numerical prefix
25 Be slack-jawed
26 Slanted type (Abbr.)
27 Fixes a squeak
28 Suspend
29 — about (roughly)
30 Golden Rule word
31 "Nasty!"
35 "Uh-huh"
38 Inseparable
40 Joplin composition
42 Disparaging
45 Cameo stone
47 Hotel worker
48 Always
49 Jupiter counterpart
50 Farm female
51 Mimic
52 Casual shirt
54 Profit

Solution time: 26 mins.



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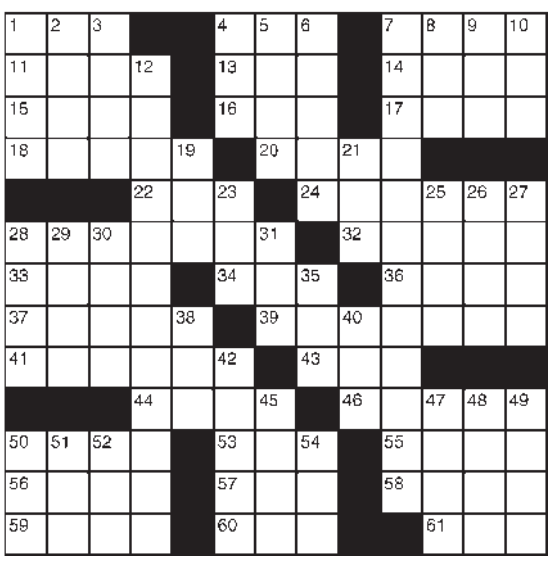

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chester Bennington, 41; Holly Hunter, 59; Spike Lee, 60; William Hurt, 67.

Happy Birthday: Travel, learning and partnerships should be your priority. Express your thoughts and pick up whatever knowledge, experience or skills you require to reach your goals. Change is favored and should be based on your relationship with someone you consider your counterpart. Personal changes will help to improve your standard of living. Romance is highlighted. Your numbers are 3, 8, 23, 28, 30, 34, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Sign up for something that captures your attention. The experience you gain and the skills and information you have acquired through the years will encourage you to send out your resume. Personal improvements and romance are encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Dig up pertinent information regarding your investments, a pending deal or issues concerning your health. A couple of adjustments will put you in a favorable position to make a move. Do the work and you will gain respect and rewards. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Do what you can to help others, but don't let anyone take you for granted. Work alongside someone instead of taking on their responsibilities. Be a mentor, not a controller. The greatest satisfaction will come from shared success. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Remain calm no matter what transpires today. Someone will test your patience, and temptation will lead to situations that could be costly. Partnerships will need to be handled with diplomacy and compassion if you want to keep the peace. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Experience will be the key to getting ahead. Live and learn as you forge into new territory. Express your feelings and engage in talks that will make you reconsider the best way to move forward. Personal improvements will lead to compliments. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Stop thinking about all the things you have to accomplish and just start doing them. Taking action will bring the results you are looking for and should encourage you to take on new projects that inspire you to do even more. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Watch your step when dealing with others. Not everyone will be on the same page, making it difficult to bring about the changes you want at home or at work. Overreacting will put a wedge between you and someone you love. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Use your imagination when dealing with matters that will influence partnerships or your home environment. It's important to feel comfortable and at ease in your surroundings if you want to accomplish your goals. Do what needs to be done. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Be productive and pointed about how you go about your day. Giving in to laziness or meddling in other people's affairs will result in a lack of success. Don't pass up an opportunity to get ahead at work. Networking will be fruitful. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Don't share secrets or agree to changes you don't agree with. Look for a way to move forward alone if you can't come to terms with the choices you have. Insecurity will lead to impulsive decisions and regret. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Get it together. Use discipline and willingness to bring about change and you will excel. Trust in your ability to set the foundation for improvement in your life as well as in your community. Be ready to fight for your rights. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: You'll face limitations and frustrations if you are unrealistic or unable to face facts. Honesty and self-assessment will encourage you to do what it takes to improve your skills, knowledge and future. Don't sit back when you should be moving forward. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing, worldly and adventuresome. You are charming and popular.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	2	9				7	3	
3	4						6	1
1			5		8			9
		2		6		9		
			8	7	3			
		1		4		6		
9			7		2			4
4	5						7	8
	1	7				5	9	

Difficulty Level ★ 3/20

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

5	8	6	2	1	9	7	4	3
3	1	2	4	7	5	8	6	9
7	4	9	6	8	3	5	1	2
6	3	8	7	9	4	2	5	1
9	7	4	5	2	1	6	3	8
1	2	5	3	6	8	4	9	7
8	6	3	9	4	7	1	2	5
4	5	1	8	3	2	9	7	6
2	9	7	1	5	6	3	8	4

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/13

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

LET'S BE HAPPY FOR ... Solution: 10 letters

N	C	C	A	G	T	G	S	Y	R	R	E	M	E	D
O	O	H	U	V	N	H	L	U	F	E	E	L	G	A
I	W	I	N	E	O	I	R	A	U	N	C	L	E	U
N	O	L	T	W	M	E	D	I	D	L	O	V	E	G
U	R	D	E	A	F	O	F	D	L	G	M	R	N	H
E	K	R	F	I	I	L	C	R	E	L	R	O	I	T
R	E	E	A	S	E	L	U	T	I	W	E	O	M	E
Y	R	N	M	S	S	N	I	F	U	E	T	D	O	R
H	C	A	R	E	O	E	D	C	R	O	N	A	N	M
E	E	U	S	N	I	N	C	E	N	E	N	D	G	J
T	O	L	A	I	V	O	J	C	A	O	E	(N)	S	O
Y	A	L	P	S	S	B	O	J	U	V	C	H	(U)	Y
G	R	A	D	U	A	T	I	O	N	S	O	E	C	(F)
E	D	I	R	B	O	H	E	A	L	T	H	R	R	U
T	N	E	T	N	O	C	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	L

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Last Friday's Answer: Underplates

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Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager (1)
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor (1)
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Administrative Assistant (2)
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Messenger (2)
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (4)
High school diploma or GED Certificate plus experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Must be computer literate: Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Applicant must have good written and oral communication skills. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (2)
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant (1)
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in an administrative role and accounting experience. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Electrician (1)
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (11)
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Network Administration Manager (1)
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer (1)
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)
Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer (1)
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager (1)
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician (1)
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Programmer Analyst (1)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, March 30, 2017.

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or email to jacris4916@yahoo.com

CHONG'S CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

Five (5) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-Conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certification required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Preferable)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics and computer-generated reports
- Establish and coordinate maintenance and safety procedures, service schedule and supply of materials required to maintain equipment
- Oversee installation, operation, maintenance and repair to ensure equipment are functioning according to specifications
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-Conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
- EPA Section 608 (Certification required)
- Must possess good communication skill

Two (2) SHEET METAL WORKERS
- Fabricate and install sheet metal & fiberglass products & equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes & furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating equipment and machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- Preferably knowledgeable in duct size calculation
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HVAC/R SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- Knowledgeable of HVAC-R Equipment and Parts sale
- Knowledgeable of product selection, listing of order and inventory
- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word
- Minimum 5-year work experience required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant

Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of five year experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in Peach Tree Accounting software and be able to work flexible hours with a valid Driver License. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience starting at $6.55.

Interested applicants must submit resume and pick up application at Pacific Development, Inc. in Grandvrio Resort Saipan, Garapan no later than March 24, 2017

Danes Construction Corporation
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(10) Mason
(1) Accounting Technician
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Administrative Assistant (1) $6.55 - $8.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of two years' experience. Knowledgeable on construction business. Preferably someone who can operate Microsoft Office & Power Point Programs. Salaries and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Architectural Drafter Technician (3) $6.55 - $8.50/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of two years' experience as an Architectural Technician. Capable of preparing detailed drawings of architectural/structural features of buildings as well as drawings and photographic relief maps used in civil engineering projects such as highways, bridges and other public works. Knowledgeable on building materials engineering practices/mathematics used to complete drawings drafts. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Automobile Electrician (2) $6.55 - $7.15/hour
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Carpenter (46) $6.55 - $7.85/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of two years' experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Civil Engineering Technicians (3) $6.55-7.50/hour OR $ 1,300 to $2,150/month
Must be a college graduate with minimum of two years' experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientist. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Construction Manager (1) $1,300 to $3,250/month
Must be a college graduate or with a minimum of two years' experience as a Construction Manager, including managers in specialized construction fields such as carpentry or plumbing. Knowledge on planning, directing and coordinating activities concerning construction and maintenance of structures, facilities and systems with subordinate supervisory personnel. Able to participate in the conceptual development of a construction projects and oversee its organization such as scheduling, budgeting and implementation. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Diesel Mechanic (1) $6.55 - $6.70/hour
Must be a high school graduate with a minimum of two years' work related experience. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Electrician (8) $6.55 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of two years' experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Electrical Engineering Technician (1) $6.55 - $7.50/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of two years' experience as an Electrical Engineering Technician. Able to apply Theory and Principles of Electrical Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientist. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

General Maintenance (3) $6.55 - $6.80/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of two years' experience as a General Maintenance. Able to install various equipment. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (12) $6.55 - $8.00/hour
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Heavy Equipment Operator (45) $6.55 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of two years' experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Mason (50) $6.55 - $7.50/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of two years' experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Painter (4) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
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APEX BUILDERS, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Marianas Medical Center
is seeking for U.S. qualified workers for the following positions:

(1) Radiology Technician
College degree in Radiology from a school approved by the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners (CBNE), with two (2) years of relevant work experience as a Radiology Technician. Must have the ability to take, review, evaluate and operate X-Ray, Ultrasound, Mammogram and Echocardiogram equipment. Must be licensed under Health Care Professions Licensing Board as a Radiology Technician in the CNMI. Must have the ability to work proficiently in a fast paced clinical environment.

(2) Registered Nurse (RN)
College graduate degree in Nursing from a school approved by the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners (CBNE), with two (2) years of work experience as a nurse or working in a similar capacity in a health care or medical setting. Must pass US NCLEX-RN and is licensed as an RN by CBNE. Must have the ability to work proficiently in a fast paced clinical environment. Ability to speak and translate in the Chinese language is preferred.

(1) Electrician Maintenance
High school diploma or GED, plus five (5) years of relevant work experience.

All positions close 5:00pm on Monday, March 27, 2017.
Applications are available at the Marianas Medical Center. Applications should include a resume and evidence of education degree(s) and professional licenses claimed. It should also include a valid Police Clearance of no more than 6 months old. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Testing may be required for some positions. Marianas Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Wireless Ridge Landscaping
is seeking for U.S. qualified workers for the following positions:

(3) GROUND MAINTENANCE
Perform residential and commercial landscaping work including design conceptualization and layout, preparation of plant materials, soil preparation, planting and maintenance. Also performs grounds keeping duties and other related duties as assigned. Minimum qualifications: 3-12 months of related work experience, with a high school or GED diploma.

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STRATEGIC GAMING SOLUTIONS, INC.
is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

General Manager (1)
College graduate in Business Management plus ten (10) years casino management experience and five (5) years as a Casino Manager. Knowledge in financial management, forecasting and budgeting, strategic planning, marketing brand reinforcement, networking and stakeholder communication skills.

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Harden has 40 in triple-double, Rockets top Nuggets

Houston Rockets guard James Harden, front, looks to pass the ball as Denver Nuggets guard Gary Harris pursues in the first half of an NBA basketball game Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Denver.

DENVER (AP)—James Harden shook off a hard fall and fatigue to lead the Houston Rockets to a 109-105 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Saturday night.

He scored 40 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out 10 assists for his 19th triple-double of the season and second in 24 hours.

That's 81 points, 25 boards and 21 assists in two nights.

"Drained?" Harden asked, parroting the reporter's question. "What's that?"

"I'm just happy we won (coming) off a loss," at New Orleans, Harden said.

The Nuggets held Houston to 5-of-24 shooting from 3-point range but missed too many layups and free throws as their lead over hard-charging Portland for the final playoff spot in the West was sliced to 1 1/2 games.

"We missed 18 layups tonight," Denver coach Michael Malone said. "So we could easily have won the game if we made our free throws and finished around the basket."

That last point surely will hit home with Denver guard Will Barton, who went 2 for 13 from the floor and made just one of nine 3-point attempts.

With his team trailing 107-105, Barton missed a 3-pointer and a layup in the final 30 seconds.

After Barton's last errant 3-point try, Harden missed at the other end and Nikola Jokic, who got into early foul trouble, corralled the rebound. But Barton missed a runner that would have tied it with about five seconds left, and Harden drew a foul. He sank both free throws to reach 40 points for the second time in two nights.

"They made shots and we didn't," Jokic said. "They played really good during that last stretch and we didn't make shots and that's it."

Harden scored 18 points in the third quarter, including Houston's final 16 of the period. He capped the run with a buzzer-beating 3 that gave the Rockets an 80-74 lead.

It wasn't all rosy for Harden, however. He hit the floor hard on his right elbow after fouling Mason Plumlee in the final minute of the third. Harden sat on the floor for about 30 seconds surrounded by his concerned teammates before getting up and shaking it off.

Thunder 110, Kings 94

In Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook had 28 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds to help the Oklahoma City Thunder roll past the Sacramento Kings.

The Thunder won their fifth straight—the longest current streak in the NBA. They are a half-game behind the Los Angeles Clippers for fifth place in the Western Conference.

Westbrook had a triple-double in each of the first four games of the streak to raise his season total to 34. He needs seven more in Oklahoma City's final 13 games to tie Oscar Robertson for the NBA single-season record, set during the 1961-62 season.

Georgios Papagiannis had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Sacramento, which had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Clippers 108, Cavaliers 78

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin scored 23 points and Los Angeles capitalized on the Cavaliers' decision to rest their top three players with an easy victory over Cleveland.

LeBron James, Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving sat out for the Cavaliers, and the Clippers snapped their three-game losing streak by feasting on the defending champions' supporting cast.

J.J. Redick added 16 points for the Clippers, who swept their season series with the Cavs. Cleveland's personnel decision also allowed the Clippers to rest Griffin, Chris Paul and DeAndre Jordan for the entire fourth quarter while their reserves turned a comfortable win into a blowout.

Grizzlies 104, Spurs 96

In Memphis, Mike Conley had 19 points, seven rebounds and six assists, Zach Randolph added 18 points and Memphis extended its winning streak to four by beating San Antonio.

The Grizzlies held an 89-86 lead with 5:45 left, then went on a 9-1 rally to match their biggest advantage of the game at 98-87 on a three-point play by Marc Gasol with 2:30 left.

Not long afterward, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich sent his reserves in.

Gasol had 16 points and seven assists for Memphis.

Kawhi Leonard led the Spurs with 22 points, and LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and nine rebounds. San Antonio lost its second straight.

Warriors 117, Bucks 92

In Oakland, Stephen Curry scored 28 points with six 3-pointers and Golden State overcame a sluggish start to beat Milwaukee.

Draymond Green added eight points, eight rebounds and 10 assists, Klay Thompson scored 21 and Matt Barnes made back-to-back 3s to spark a big run in the second quarter and help the Warriors complete a season sweep of the Bucks.

Golden State improved to an NBA-best 55-14 with its second straight win by 25 points or more. It was also the Warriors' third consecutive victory overall following a season-high three-game losing streak.

Hornets 98, Wizards 93

In Charlotte, Cody Zeller scored 19 points and Charlotte snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Washington.

Kemba Walker had eight of his 16 points in the fourth quarter, and Marvin Williams added 16 points and eight rebounds as the Hornets handed the Wizards their second straight defeat.

The Hornets limited the Wizards to 37 percent shooting from the field.

Trail Blazers 113, Hawks 97

In Atlanta, Damian Lillard scored 27 points and Portland took control with a dominant opening quarter to beat Atlanta.

C.J. McCollum had 22 points and Allen Crabbe added 16 for Portland, which raced out to a 17-3 lead and never trailed.

The Trail Blazers, who have won seven of nine, moved within 1+ games of Denver for the Western Conference's final playoff spot.

The Hawks have lost three straight, including the last two at home.

Atlanta held out four-time All-Star forward Paul Millsap after he experienced tightness in his left knee during pregame warmups. Ersan Ilyasova, who started for Millsap, had 23 points. Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 22.

Bulls 95, Jazz 86

In Chicago, Jimmy Butler scored 23 points and Bobby Portis added a career-high 22 in Chicago's victory over Utah.

In their second game without Dwyane Wade, who will miss the remainder of the season with a broken elbow, the Bulls leaned on their second team. Denzel Valentine, who had his first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, hit three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

George Hill scored 18 points for the Jazz, and Gordon Hayward added 14. Rudy Gobert had 13 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks.

The Bulls, who beat Utah 85-77 on Nov. 17, swept the season series the first time since 2009-10.

Executives weigh on Rose's free-agency future

NEW YORK (AP)—Free agency beckons this summer, but Derrick Rose doesn't want to dwell on his future because he is still a Knick.

But others have speculated on what Rose may find on the free-agent market, and a random sampling seemed in agreement.

Rose won't find what his status and history would suggest.

"He's the next Rondo—starter on a short-term deal on a bad team, $15 million a year," suggested one agent, drawing a comparison to Rajon Rondo, who took a two-year, $27.3 million contract with Chicago last summer.

"There will be a market, but it probably won't be what he expects," said another team executive. "I don't think they [Knicks] will re-sign him. I think he takes less money to go to a better team. He's not going to go to a Sacramento and lose. He's made a lot of money. If he could get $8-to-$10 or $10-to-$12 [million] with a team he thinks is good, I think he'll do that."

And yet another opposing team executive said "I don't think anybody's going to break the bank at all. In that $10-12 range maybe. I think physically people will be very leery still."

Rose, however, has shown this season that he is healthy. His one-game AWOL escapade in January won't exactly be a high bargaining chip for him when he starts negotiating, but games he missed through injury were the result of the usual dings and dents of a normal NBA season.

"People pay for talent. They don't care about a one-time event. He's a pretty good guy," one of the execs said about the January escapade, when Rose missed a game to fly home to Chicago for a personal matter.

Rose spoke recently of the relief he felt from his health. He credits intense work last summer.

"I really believe I worked my butt off this summer to hold up," Rose said. "I had aches and nagging injuries [in the past]. This year I didn't have that. Every game, it's a fatigue factor, but as far as how my body's feeling, my body's holding up pretty well."

So have his numbers. But with a free-agent market and a draft heavily stocked with point guards, all the positives might not be enough to land a mega-deal, one that would seem appropriate for a former MVP.

"I can't think about it now because I'm still here," Rose said of free agency.

The 28-year-old Rose has missed 228 games since 2011-12 including the entire 2012-13 season. In 60 Knicks game, he has averaged 17.8 points, 4.4 assists and shot 46.4 percent. He has overcome a torn left ACL suffered in the 2012 playoffs and, after sitting a season, tore his right meniscus in November 2013. He has shown his ability to penetrate and score.

But that might not be enough to get him the $21.3 million he earned this season.

"Think short term: maybe two years for $30-35 million," one other team exec said. "It's hard to figure now."

Stanton's homer, Jones' leap carry US into WBC semifinals

AP

U.S. outfielder Adam Jones grabs a catch above the wall for the out on the Dominican Republic's Manny Machado during the seventh inning of a second-round World Baseball Classic baseball game Saturday, March 18, 2017, in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO (AP)— Giancarlo Stanton hit a go-ahead homer and the United States eliminated the Dominican Republic at the World Baseball Classic, beating the defending champions 6-3 Saturday night to earn a spot in the semifinals.

Stanton's two-run shot into the third-floor balcony of the Western Metal Supply Co. Building in the left-field corner at Petco Park gave the United States a 4-2 lead in the fourth inning. It put a charge into the sellout crowd of 43,002 and helped send the Americans to the championship round at Dodger Stadium, where they will face Japan in a semifinal game Tuesday night.

Three innings later, San Diego native Adam Jones made a spectacular, leaping catch over the fence in the deepest part of the park in right-center to rob Baltimore Orioles teammate Manny Machado of a home run. Machado tipped his helmet to Jones.

Robinson Cano then homered to left to pull the Dominican Republic to 4-3.

Andrew McCutchen gave Team USA some breathing room with a two-run double in the eighth, and Luke Gregerson pitched a perfect ninth to close it out.

This is the second time in four editions of the WBC that the United States has advanced to the semifinals. It lost to Japan in 2009.

The Dominican players, who rallied to beat the United States one week earlier in Miami in the first round, will disperse back to big league camps. They finished 1-2 in the second round after going 3-0 in the opening round.

Brandon Crawford hit a two-out single to left-center ahead of Stanton's homer, which was estimated at 403 feet and chased Dominican starter Ervin Santana.

Stanton's shot was reminiscent of his Home Run Derby victory at Petco Park on July 11, when he peppered the far reaches of the big downtown ballpark, including hitting one onto the top of the 108-year-old brick warehouse.

Earlier on Saturday, Puerto Rico completed a 3-0 run through Pool F by beating Venezuela 13-2. Puerto Rico clinched first place in the pool with a 6-5 victory against the United States on Friday night and will play the Netherlands in the semifinals Monday night at Dodger Stadium. The championship game is Wednesday night.

The Dominicans jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first on an RBI double by Cano and an RBI single by Carlos Santana. One run was unearned due to Crawford's throwing error at shortstop. Crawford threw out Nelson Cruz trying to score on Starling Marte's grounder, though.

The United States tied it in the third on Ian Kinsler's RBI grounder and Christian Yelich's run-scoring double.

The Dominicans had three more scoring chances but failed each time.

Gregory Polanco singled and Welington Castillo doubled to open the second before Danny Duffy retired the side.

They threatened again in the fifth when Machado hit a leadoff single to chase Duffy. Cruz hit a one-out double off Pat Neshek, who then retired Carlos Santana on a popup and struck out Marte. Neshek pumped his fists as he walked off the mound.

Duffy allowed two runs, one earned, and six hits in four-plus innings. He struck out one and walked one.

Santana gave up four runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings. He struck out two and walked none.

Jets sign former Cowboys Claiborne to 1-year deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Morris Claiborne is getting a chance to revive his career and give the New York Jets' secondary a boost.

The former Dallas Cowboys cornerback signed a one-year deal with the Jets on Saturday. Claiborne, the No. 6 overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft, will help the Jets replace Darrelle Revis, who was released last week.

The Jets announced the signing by posting a photo of Claiborne signing his contract. Financial terms weren't immediately available, but multiple outlets reported that the deal is for $5 million.

Claiborne's promising career has been hampered by a laundry list of injuries since being a standout playmaker at LSU.

He played 15 games as a rookie after recovering from a surgically repaired wrist, but appeared in only 10 games the following season because of a dislocated left shoulder and a hamstring injury.

Claiborne's third season lasted only four games because of a torn left patellar tendon. He returned to start 11 games in 2015 despite dealing with hamstring and ankle injuries.

He was an unrestricted free agent after that season, but re-signed with Dallas on a one-year deal. Claiborne was again beset by injuries as he sat out the last nine regular-season games with a groin injury. Claiborne returned for the Cowboys' NFC divisional-round playoff loss to Green Bay, but left that game with a rib injury.

He has four interceptions, 26 passes defensed, a forced fumble and four fumble recoveries in 47 career NFL games.

If he can stay healthy, Claiborne would help fill the void at cornerback left when the Jets chose to part ways with Revis. New York also has Buster Skrine, Marcus Williams, Juston Burris and Darryl Roberts at cornerback, all of whom have starting experience.

So far in free agency, the Jets have also signed kicker Chandler Catanzaro and offensive tackle Kelvin Beachum, and re-signed offensive linemen Brian Winters and Ben Ijalana, linebackers Josh Martin and Corey Lemonier, and long snapper Tanner Purdum.

Kisner, Hoffman share Bay Hill lead

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)— Charley Hoffman would have been happy to get off the 18th hole at Bay Hill with a par and go into the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational within one shot of the lead. With one big putt, Saturday turned out better than he could have imagined.

From trampled grass left of the 18th fairway, a tree slightly in his way, Hoffman chose to punch a 7-iron and have it run down the firm fairway. As long as it didn't run straight and into the water, he figured he would have a chance for par.

The ball settled 70 feet away on the fringe, and Hoffman made the putt for a birdie, a 1-under 71 and a share of the lead with Kevin Kisner.

It was quite a wild ride, even by Orlando's standards.

Kisner, who made three birdies in a four-hole stretch around the turn, wound up three-putting from above the hole on the fringe and shot 68.

They were at 11-under 205, three shots clear of anyone else, both in position to win the first Arnold Palmer Invitational since the September death of the iconic tournament host.

"To be in a position at Arnie's event is a special spot," Hoffman said. "It's right up there with competing in a major championship, there's no question. Mr. Palmer was the King. There's a reason why he had the name. ... To keep his legacy going and his event would be something special."

Tyrrell Hatton (67), Marc Leishman (71) and Matt Fitzpatrick (72) were three shots behind.

Rory McIlroy, who started the weekend 11 shots out of the lead, birdied his last two holes for a 65 and climbed back into contention. He was five shots behind. Rickie Fowler, also playing early before the afternoon breeze picked up, also shot a 65 and was six behind.

Kisner for so long looked to have a chance to create a big cushion. He got there with a 7-iron into 10 feet on the par-3 second, an 8-iron to 4 feet right of the flag on the eighth and a lob wedge that spun back near the hole for another short birdie putt on No. 10.

Kisner had birdie chances inside 20 feet on four of the next five holes and couldn't convert them, and his eagle putt from just over 20 feet on the par-5 16th was short.

Even so, he was in contention, something he hasn't felt since winning at Sea Island for his first PGA Tour title at the end of 2015.

"These guys are not afraid and they're going to make a lot of birdies and there's no protecting leads," Kisner said. "So I saw I got the lead early and then tried to make as many birdies as I could on the back nine. And had a lot of chances, just didn't hole the putts. But I hit a lot of nice putts and I'm going to build off that tomorrow."

Along with the trio who were three shots back, Valspar Championship winner Adam Hadwin and former U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover were four shots behind. And perhaps the most daunting name was McIlroy, hopeful of finding his form with the Masters around the corner.

"At least I've given myself a decent chance tomorrow," McIlroy said.

At stake is a red cardigan sweater, a favorite of Palmer's, which replaces the blue blazer that previously went to the winner.

Hoffman doesn't have one, and wouldn't plan to wear it even if he were to win.

"I'm not a cardigan guy. I got zero cardigans and hopefully add one," he said. "And it wouldn't be in the closet, it would be on the wall."

Emiliano Grillo probably won't have to worry about that. One shot behind going into Saturday, the Argentine opened with a pair of soft bogeys and then fell back with three shots into the water—two of them were golf balls, one was his golf club.

Topple-seed: Villanova ousted by Wisconsin

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—When the season ended suddenly and shockingly, much earlier than Villanova expected, Kris Jenkins bent over in disbelief near mid-court.

There would be no game-winning shot, no confetti-filled celebration, no more games. The defending champions—and No. 1 overall seed—are done.

On Wisconsin.

After two relatively routine days, madness returned to the NCAA Tournament on Saturday as top-seeded Villanova was bounced from the brackets and the East region 65-62 by No. 8 seed Wisconsin, which added another major upset to its resume and stormed into the Sweet 16 for the fourth consecutive year.

Nigel Hayes scored 19 points, dropping a layup in traffic with 11.4 seconds left, and Bronson Koenig shook off foul trouble and added 17 for the tournament-toughened Badgers (27-9), who will play next week at New York's Madison Square Garden after knocking off a Villanova team that never found its traction in snowy Buffalo.

"Seeds don't matter," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "I told these guys I don't care where we're seeded. We have to win six games. Let's start with these two this weekend."

Mission accomplished.

Senior Josh Hart scored 19 to lead the Wildcats, but the guard was bottled up and stripped by Wisconsin's Ethan Happ and Vitto Brown on a drive in the final seconds. Brown then split two free throws with 4 seconds left, but Villanova struggled to corral the rebound and then couldn't get off a final shot.

AP

Wisconsin forward Nigel Hayes (10) scores the game-winning basket against Villanova guard Mikal Bridges (25) with 11 seconds to play in the second half of a second-round men's college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament, Saturday, March 18, 2017, in Buffalo, N.Y. Wisconsin won, 65-62.

It was a bitter ending for the Wildcats, who were trying to be the first team to repeat as champions since 2007. But starting with an unimpressive performance against No. 16 Mount St. Mary's in its opener on Thursday, Villanova looked vulnerable and instead became the first No. 1 seed to be sent home.

"To me, there's no dishonor in losing in this tournament," said coach Jay Wright, whose team lost as a No. 2 in Buffalo three years ago. "We've lived through it. You are judged by how you play in this tournament and that's the reality of it. So, you have to accept it."

When the horn sounded, Wisconsin's red-clad fans erupted in celebration and the Badgers stormed the court after taking down a No. 1 seed for the third time in four years. Wisconsin beat Arizona in 2014, Kentucky in 2015 and now can add Villanova to its list.

Flushed with pride, Gard hugged his wife and children as the Badgers' pep band played their hearts out. A few minutes later, Wisconsin's players doused each other with water and tore a few signs off the walls in KeyBank Center for souvenirs.

Hayes has been part of all those previous upsets by Wisconsin.

"All of those games we've been the underdog," he said. "You have all types of ranking systems, statistics. The thing with all those algorithms is they can't calculate heart, will to win, toughness, desire. And that's the thing we have."

Villanova came into the NCAAs on a roll after winning the Big East Tournament and was expected to at least escape the East but had their hopes busted and will have to relish those moments from last year when they won their first title since 1985.

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Meanwhile, in the curtain-raiser, Joeten cruised past Docomo, 110-61.

The fourth-seeded Joeten was without key players Kelvin Fitial and Sid Quan, who served a one-game suspension after figuring in a confrontation with TanHoldings' Lerio Pagarao in the regular season. However, a lot of players stepped up in the absence of Fitial and Quan, making it easier for Joeten to oust Docomo.

Juanito Sambile, Raymond Bautista, and Chris Rogolifoi were on target against Docomo to fill the void left by their teammates. Sambile scored 18 points, while Bautista logged 17, 15 of them came from the 3-point area, and Rogolifoi posted 12. Joeten also drew a solid game from Ivan Devero, who registered 24 markers, while Alex Lauron had his usual contribution, adding 15.

With Joeten getting points from every player it fielded in the game it opened a 26-12 lead after the first quarter and had the win in the bag by halftime, 61-20.

With the victory, Joeten set an Elite 8 showdown against McDonald's, who came from an upset win against the No. 5 seed Top Development.

Joeten and Mobil/COAG took the fifth and sixth quarterfinals berths, leaving four more teams to battle for the last two seats. No. 8 seed CUC will try to get one of the final two Elite 8 spots when it takes on D&Q/CTSI tonight at 6:30pm, while No. 7 GPPC hopes to advance, too when it challenges No. 10 Star Water in the nightcap at 8pm.

First Game

Joeten 110 — Devero 24, Sambile 18, Bautista 17, Lauron 15, Rogolifoi 13, Chariton 5, Tobias 4, Dionisio 2.

Docomo 61 — Mendiola 17, Kaipat 16, Rabauliman 12, Sanciangco 8, Sablan 8.

Scoring by quarters: 26-12, 61-20, 88-37, 110-61.

Second Game

Mobil/COAG 86 — Manzano 20, Almario 18, Torres 18, Sison 10, Agustin 7, Pelisamen 7, Cisnero 2, Martinez 2.

Coca-Cola/Subway 72 — Armia 23, Cabanas 18, Francisco 9, Fejeram 8, Felix 8, Estoque 4, Deang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-18, 35-34, 60-55, 86-72.

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Osborne, who in an interview with XTERRA World last year disclosed that he collapsed in couple of races after cutting the tape.

Last Saturday, he crossed the finish line smiling and not fainting or even panting, as he raised his hands in celebration of his triumph in the very competitive men's division pro field.

"It was a beautiful race day weather out there. Just perfect for me as I surprisingly have a relatively easier time in the bike and run courses," said the 26-year-old triathlete, who reached the finish line so relaxed that he had lots of time posing for pictures with spectators and spent a little at the recovery tent.

Osborne and the more than 60 triathletes were greeted by the blowing wind and strong current in the waters off the Micro Beach for the swim leg, while they did the bike and run parts of the race under the overcast sky—no rain as earlier forecasted and in sheer contrast of the brutal heat that tortured the participants in the 2017 Ironman 70.3 Saipan.

The Kiwi was second in the swim leg as he and four-time XTERRA Saipan champion Ben Allen of Austalia walked and hopped the last few parts of the swim leg because of the choppy waters. Swimmers rushed into the current heading to the course, but found it more difficult going out of it and back to the shore and into the water for the second lap as strong winds were blowing westward. Osborne timed in at 19:18 in the swim leg, just a second behind Allen.

Then just into the first climb in the bike leg (Navy Hill area), the 2015 NZL Triathlon National Championships winner slipped past Allen. Osborn went on to submit 1:24:55 in the bike leg and reached the bike-run transition about four minutes ahead of Allen (1:29:08) and two against South Africa and XTERRA Saipan veteran Bradley Weiss (1:24:50).

"I was able to catch up with Sam on Mt. Tapochao, but once he came down and started going through the technical part of the course, I lost him," said Weiss, who despite another runner-up finish was happy he completed the race.

"I came here with a bit of an injury (wrist) so I was a little cautious because the season has just started. I thought I am OK going into the run leg, but I slipped on my way down to one of the ravines and lost a few more minutes to Sam," added Weiss, who after having the best time in the bike fell behind Osborne in the run leg.

The Kiwi had a blistering time of 50:15 in the run leg against Weiss and Allen's 56:35 and 54:51, respectively. Weiss ended up about eight minutes behind Osborne after crossing the finish line at 2:42:18, while Allen's total time was listed at 2:43.16 as he completed the Top 3.

"I still feel happy that I make it to the podium. It was one good race and despite my limited preparations, I made it in one piece," said Allen, who managed to keep the course record (2:31:05/2012) despite Osborne's outstanding XTERRA Saipan debut.

Meanwhile, last year's champion Brodie Gardner had a tough luck in his failed attempt to defend the men's pro crown.

Gardner (2:55:58) dropped to eighth place this year as he lost precious minutes in the bike leg when a big nail got stuck into his tires on his way to an uphill road in Navy Hill.

"I knew there was something wrong with my bike so I had to go down and checked it," said a frustrated Gardner, who was more than two minutes behind Osborne and Allen after the swim leg (20:28) and gave away more minutes in the bike leg after posting 1:37:00. He was with three more pros when he reached the bike-run transition area.

"It was hard getting into your rhythm when you are bunched up with several bikers," said Gardner, who later suffered from cramps halfway through the run leg that he still completed under one hour (57:43). "The racing Gods are simply not with me today."

Wasle gets third title

In the women's race, Carina Wasle got her third XTERRA Saipan title and second in a row after winning her one-on-one showdown against Mieko Carey.

Wasle led right from the get-go for the very convincing victory, as she made it to the finish line at the 3:18: 54 mark, nearly 16 minutes ahead of Carey (3:34:29).

"The weather made it easier for me to finish this race," said Wasle, who was way ahead of her lone rival that she had time to glide as she entered the finish line loop.

The Austrian completed the swim leg in 23:51 for nearly a two-minute lead over Carey (24:39). Wasle then gained more cushion in the bike leg after submitting 1:48:44 against Carey's 1:55:15. Then in the run leg—her favorite—the three-time XTERRA Saipan champion pulled away, posting 1:06:10 versus Carey's 1:14:35.

CCPSA Basketball League Girls Finals

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Mt. Carmel School's Maaya Sato dribbles toward their frontcourt and is chased by three Seventh Day Adventist defenders during the third quarter of their title game in the girls middle school division of the 2016-2017 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mt. Carmel School coach Catherine Toves-Attao, sixth left, hugs her players after winning their title match against Seventh Day Adventist.

Three Seventh Day Adventist defenders surround a Mt. Carmel School player.

A Seventh Day Adventist is hounded by three Mt. Carmel School defenders.

Mt. Carmel School's Kaia Travilla, right, battles a Seventh Day Adventist player for possession.

Mt. Carmel School's Gia Hemley, left, is fouled by Seventh Day Adventist's Marielle Lopez.

Seventh Day Adventist's Marielle Lopez, right, dribbles in front of Mt. Carmel School's Kaia Travilla.

Mt. Carmel School's Kaia Travilla, right, plays defense on Seventh Day Adventist's Marielle Lopez.

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Kiwi wins XTERRA Saipan debut

Mobil/COAG stuns opponent; Joeten advances

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Mobil/COAG made it into the Elite 8 of the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League after pulling off an 86-72 upset over Coca-Cola/Subway in their playoff game last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The No. 14 seed Mobil/COAG got its offensive rhythm in the second half to eliminate the No. 3 seed Coca-Cola/Subway and march into the quarterfinals of the 16-team league.

Mobil/COAG scored 20-plus points in the third (25) and fourth (26) periods en route to the 14-winning margin. It engaged Coca-Cola/Subway in deadlock in the first canto, 18-all, and was ahead by only a hair at halftime, 35-34, before gaining cushion in the last two periods to force a Round of 8 duel against Best Deal/RNV Construction.

Joemar Manzano topscored for Mobil/COAG with his 20 points, while three of his teammates also hit double figures for the squad's balance offense and two more combined for 16. Alvin Almario and Edwin Torres contributed 18 each, while Marlon Sison added 10.

Only two players made twin digits for Coca-Cola/Subway with Edward Armia firing 23 and Michael Cabanas chipping in 18, but was scoreless in the

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Joeten's Juanito Sambile, left, takes off for a layup against Docomo's Richard Mendiola during the second quarter of their playoff game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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New Zealand's Sam Osborne celebrates his first place finish in the 2017 XTERRA Saipan Championship held last Saturday.

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New Zealand's Sam Osborne admitted passing out a couple times at the finish line in his previous races, but in last Saturday's 2017 XTERRA Saipan, there were no signs of fainting as it even appeared he could do one more round of the challenging course.

Osborne breezed past 14 other pros, timing in at 2:34:28 in the 1.5-kilometer swim, 30K bike, and 12K run trail to win his first rodeo in XTERRA's Crown Jewel.

"It feels great to come here for the first time and win the race against some of the best in the world," said

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Senior golfer hits hole-in-one

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About to give up in the competition after a bad start, Senior Flight golfer Jang Hyew Duck turned out to become the biggest winner in the 14th Annual Northern Marianas College Foundation Golf Tournament after hitting a hole-in-one at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort last Saturday.

Jang made the rare hole-in-one on the east course's par-3, 130-yard hole No. 6 and he went home with the $5,000 prize that was sponsored by McDonald's.

Jang, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune,* said that during the time he was about to tee at hole No. 6, he was losing hopes after hitting a triple bogey earlier in the tournament and a double bogey at hole No. 5. He used his trusty 7 iron in hitting the biggest shot in the contest and trying to break his bad luck.

"I had to enjoy," Jang recalled the moments before sinking the hole-in-one. He used his 4 iron without knowledge at all about the greens prior to hole No. 6.

"That is why for hole No. 6, I changed to the 7 iron and was just hitting for fun. The tee felt very nice and I thought I could get at least a birdie but then I noticed the people watching got very excited and then out of nowhere, I hit the hole-in-one," recalled Jang, still laughing from all the excitement.

According to Jang, this was not his first hole-in-one and incidentally he made the same shot in the similar hole.

"This is my third hole-in-one. I hit a hole-in-one on No. 6 of the east course about 3 years ago. It's a very special hole," he said. "However, this was my first time to hit a hole-in-one in an actual tournament."

Jang added he plans to share some of his rewards with his front and back team.

"I also donated to all the staff and will share my winnings with all my friends," he said.

Meanwhile, Jang got additional prize money ($300) as he also finished second in the Seniors Flight. He shot a 5-over par 77 after firing a 40 on the front nine and a 37 on the back.

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Jang Hyew Duck, center, is all smiles as he is awarded the ceremonial prize for hitting a hole-in-one during the 14th Annual Northern Marianas College Foundation Golf Tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Also in the photo is NMC president Carmen Fernandez, right, and NMC Foundation board chair Mary Tenorio.